

# **VOID DYNAMICS**

## **CONSTRAINTS ON COSMOLOGY AND GRAVITY**

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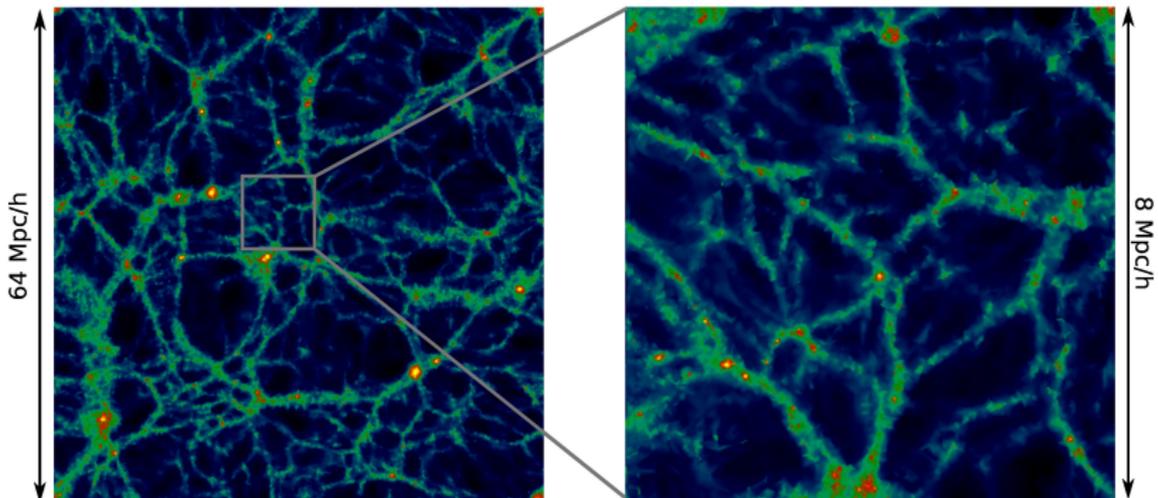
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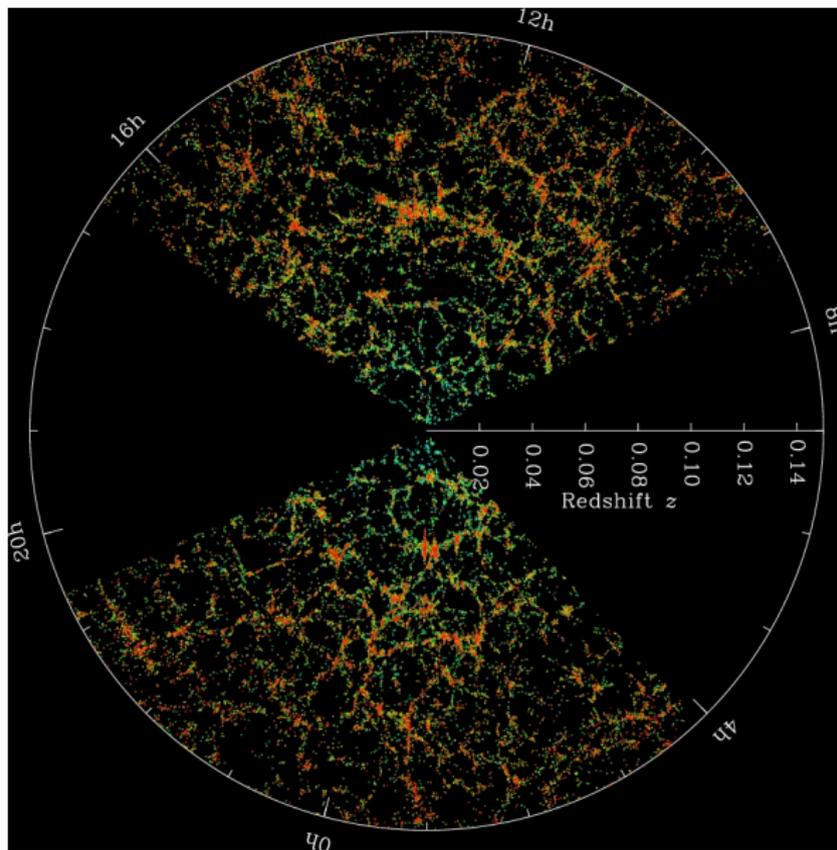
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# THE COSMIC WEB



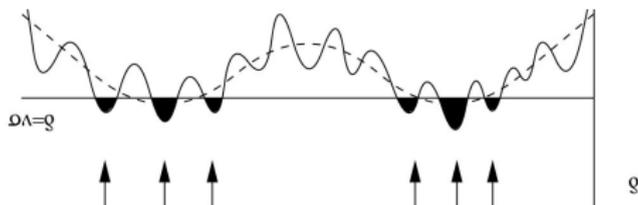
Aragon-Calvo, Szalay (2013)

# SDSS GALAXIES



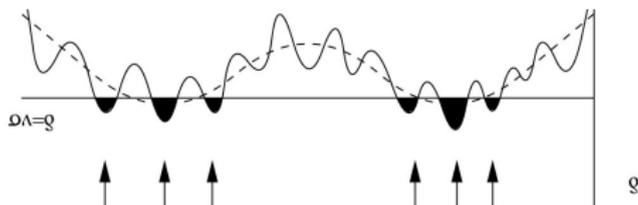
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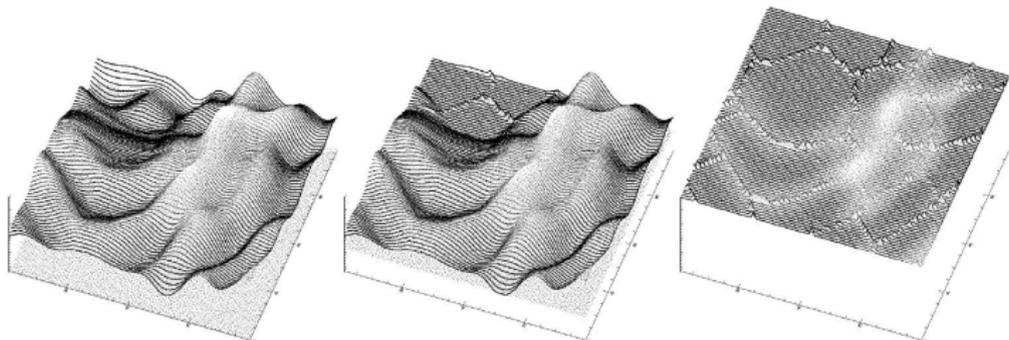


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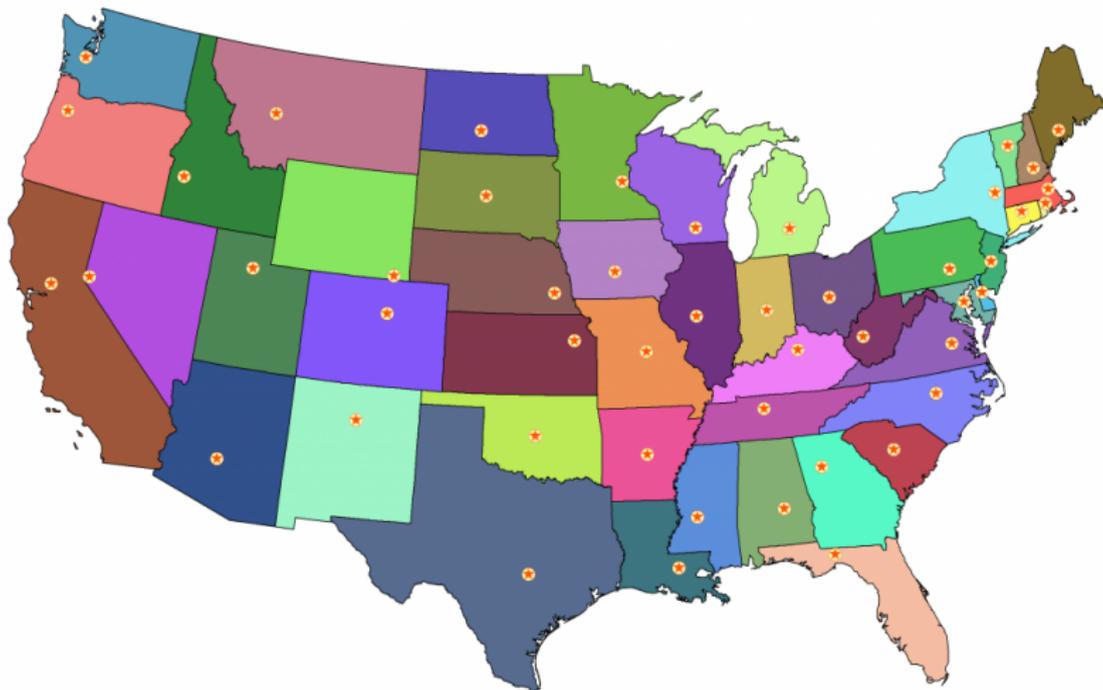
and raise a density threshold until a ridge is reached



Watershed algorithm, Platen et al. (2007)

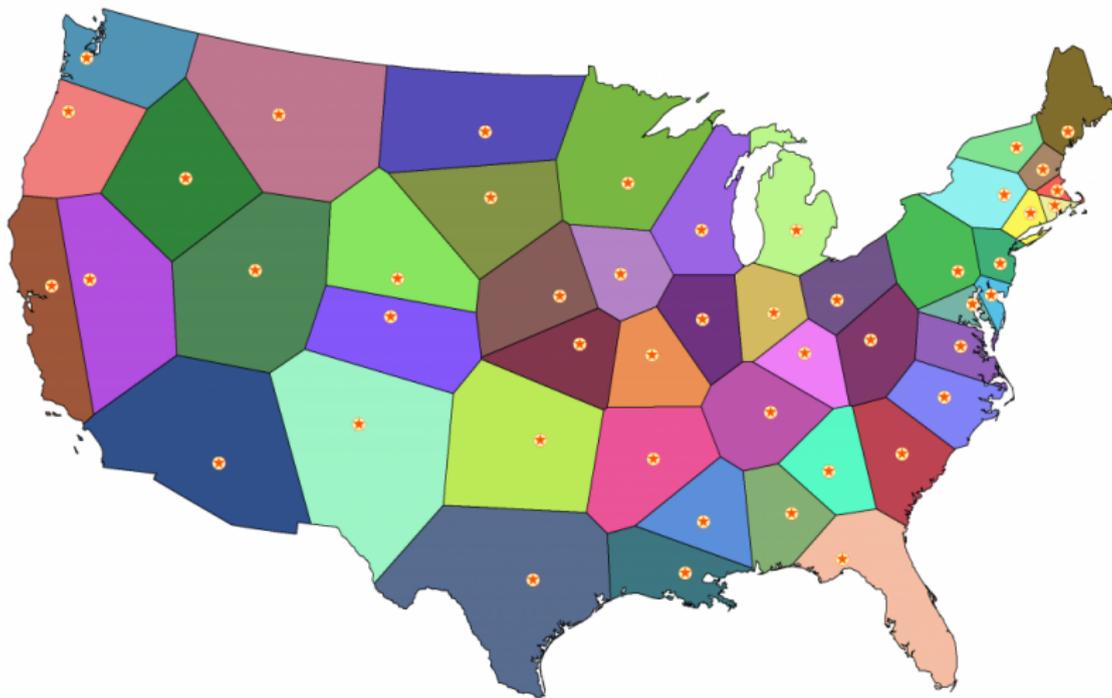
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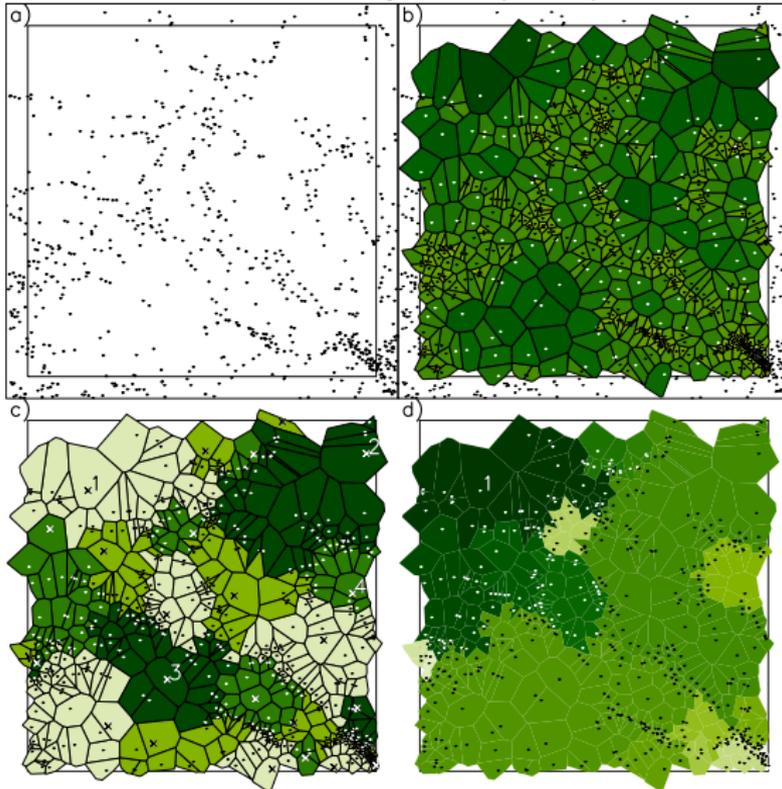
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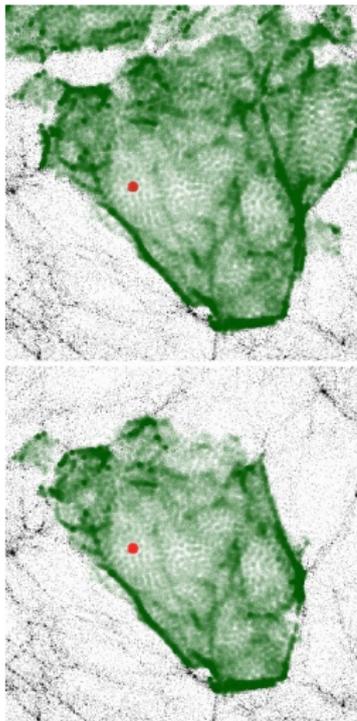


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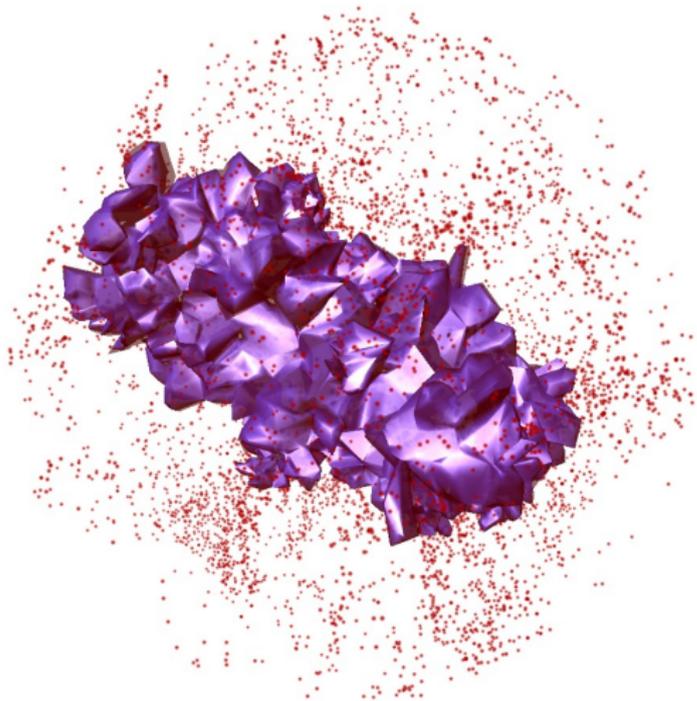
ZOBOV, Neyrinck (2008)



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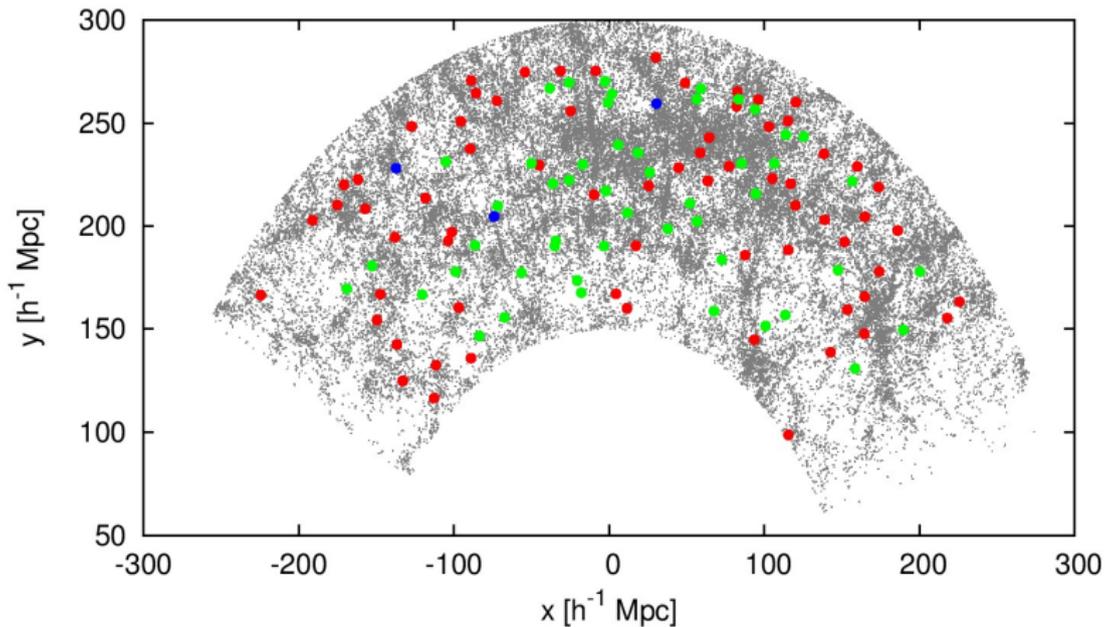


Neyrinck (2008)



Sutter, Lavaux, Wandelt, Weinberg (2012)

# OBSERVED VOIDS (SDSS)



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Sutter et al. (2012)

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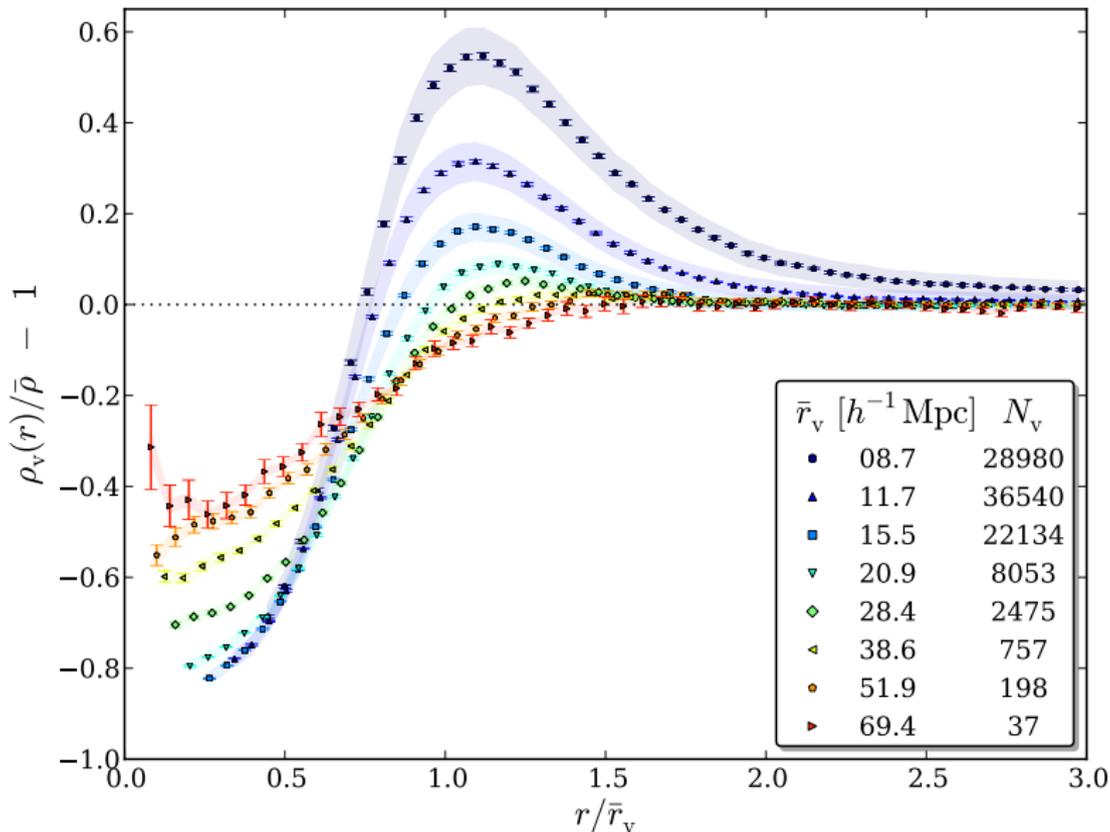
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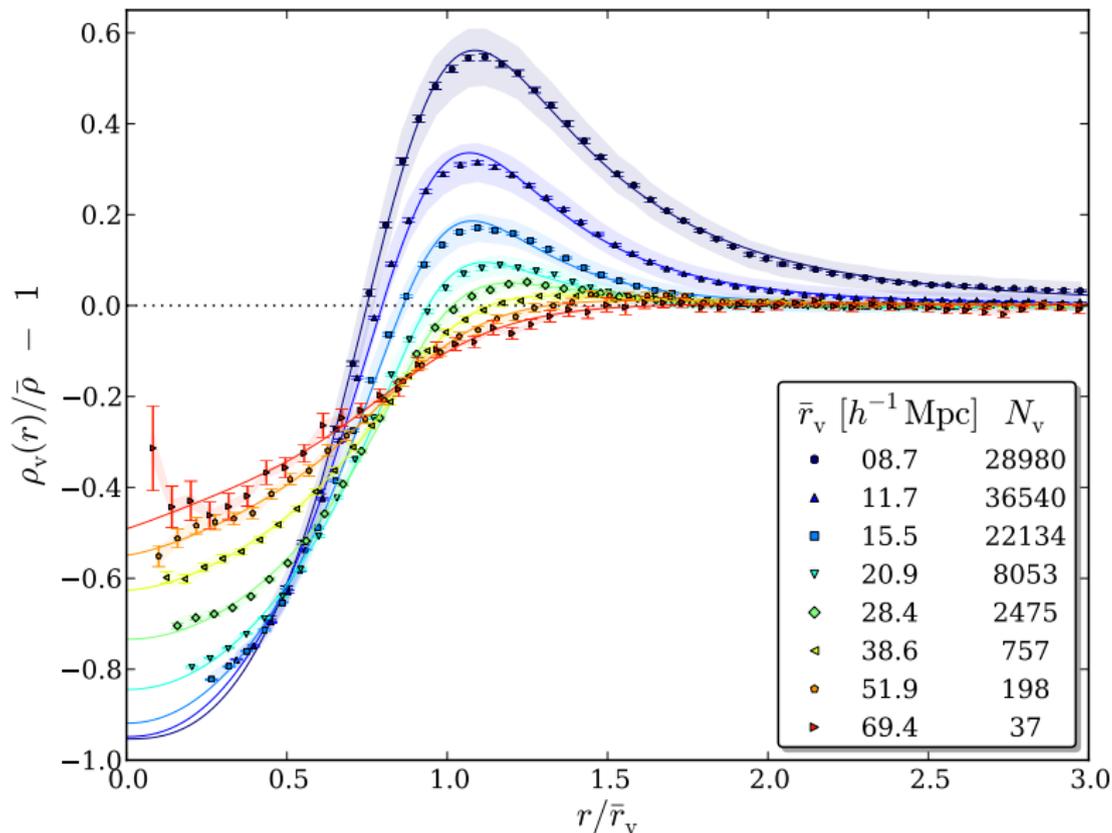
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In General Relativity:  $f(z) = \Omega_m^{0.55}(z)$

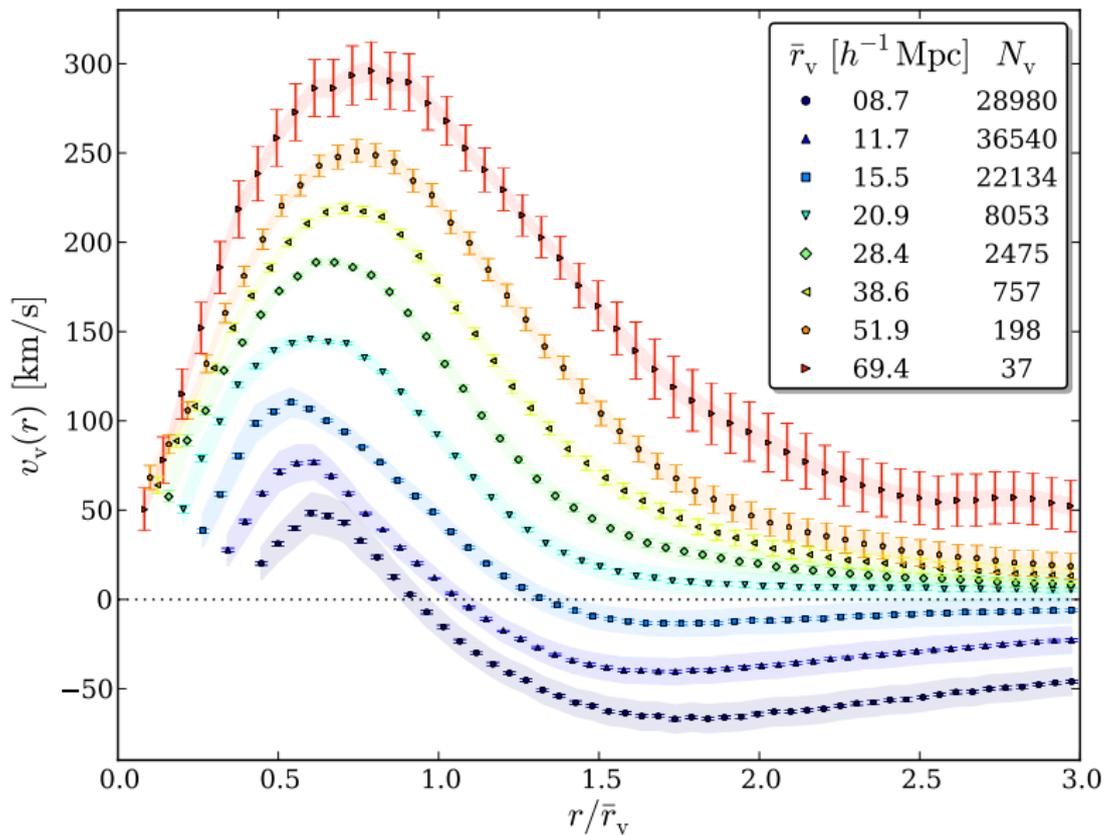
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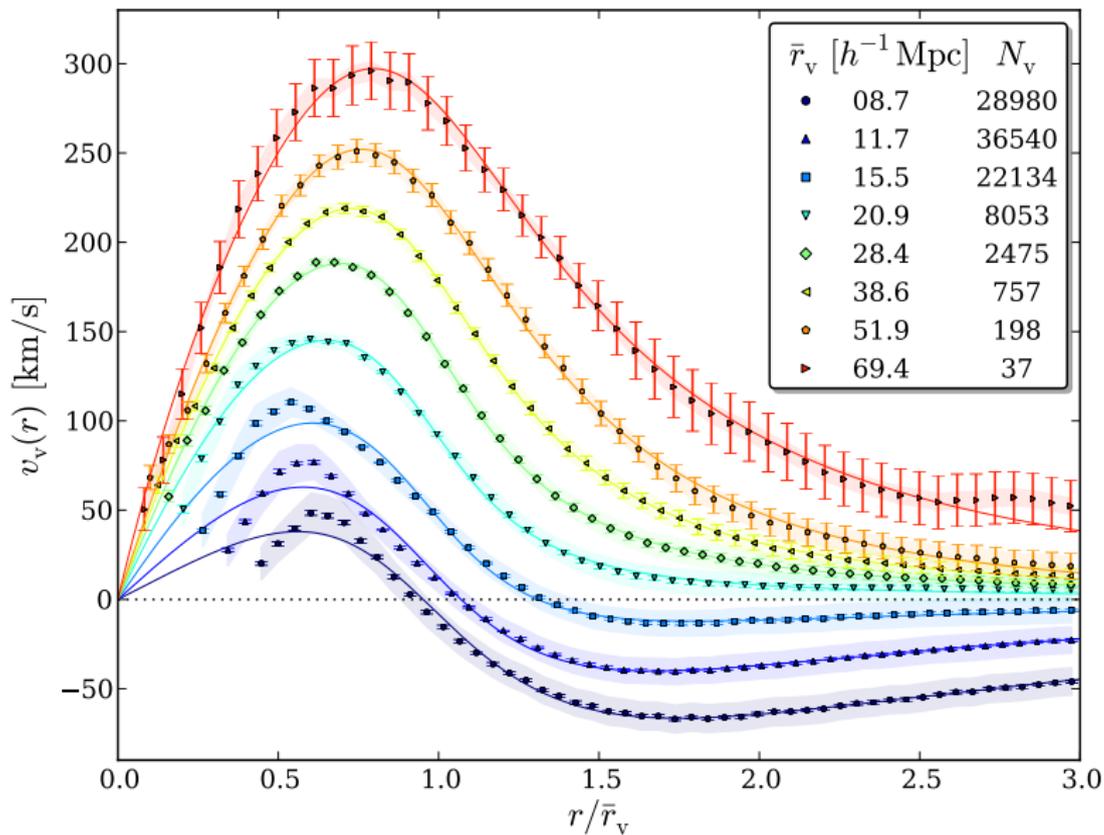
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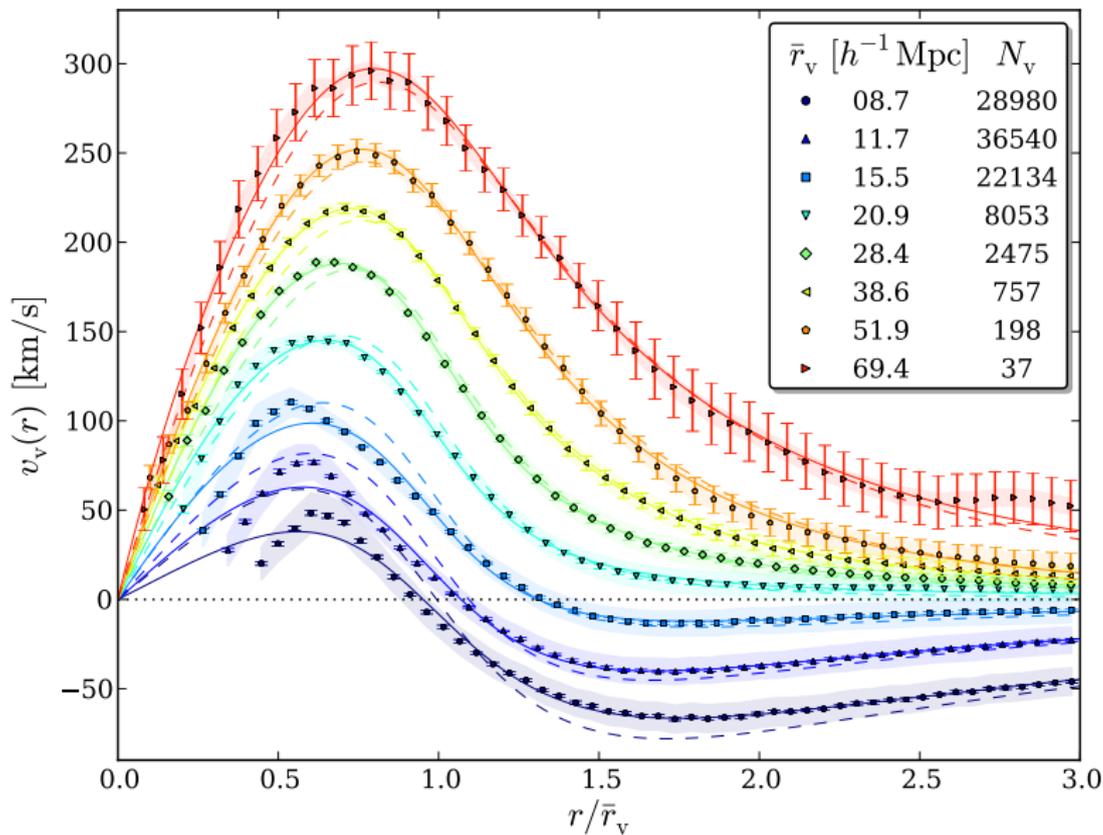
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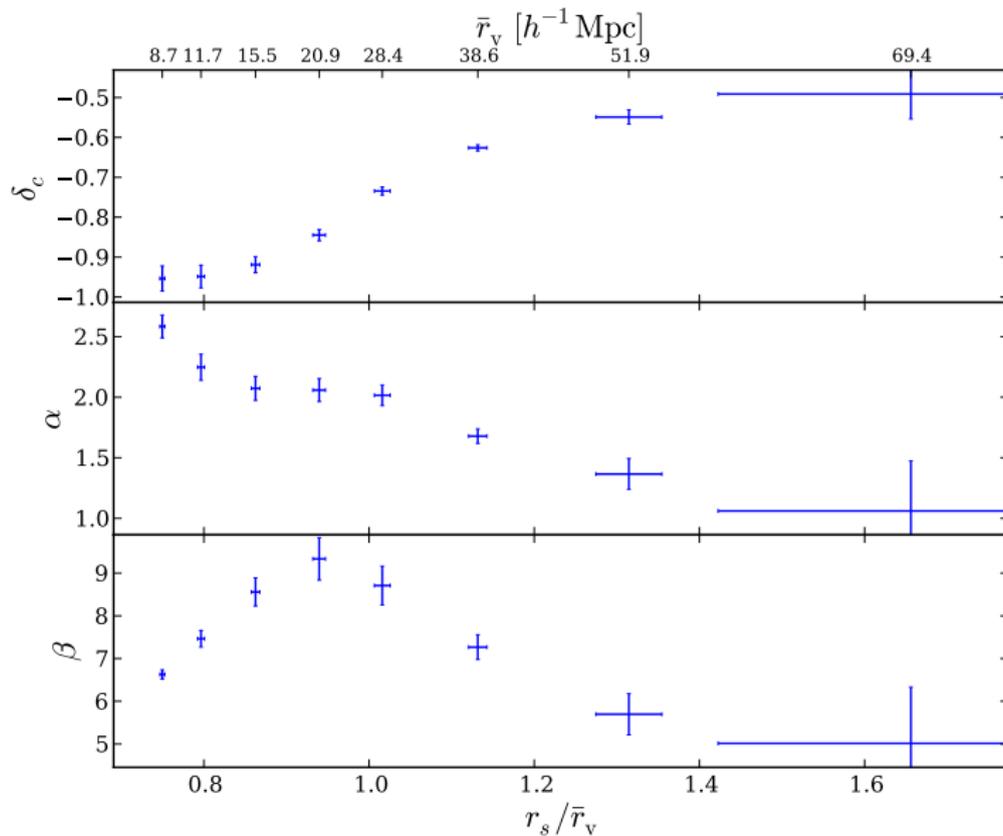
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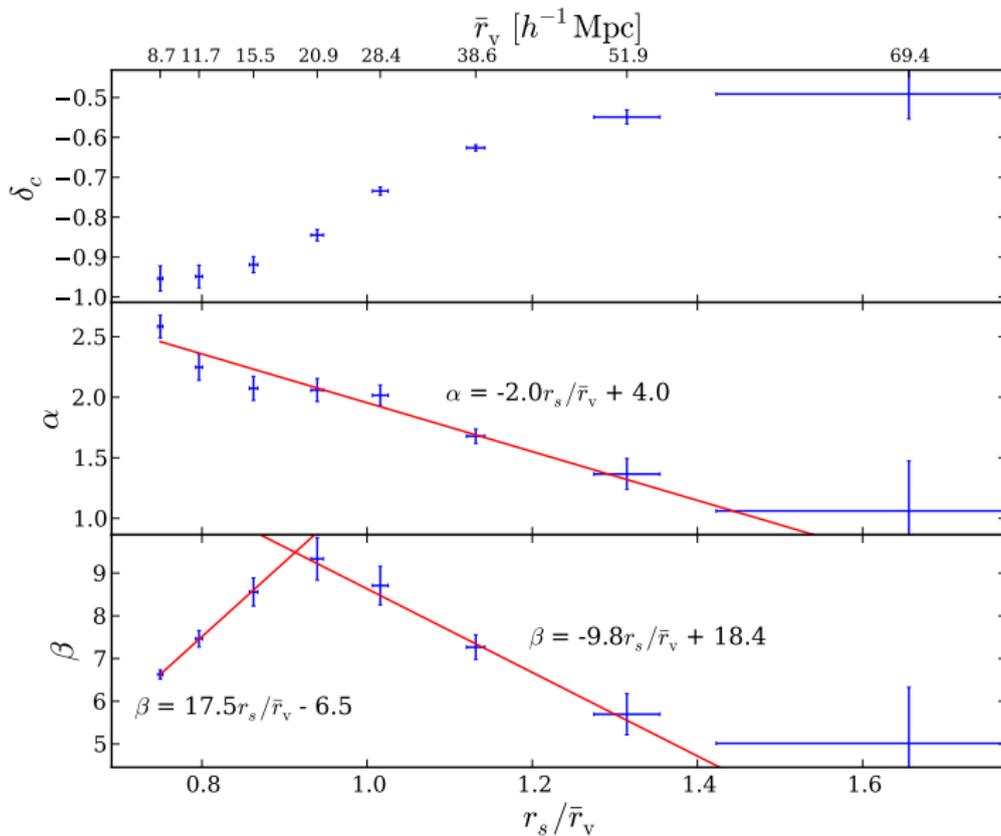
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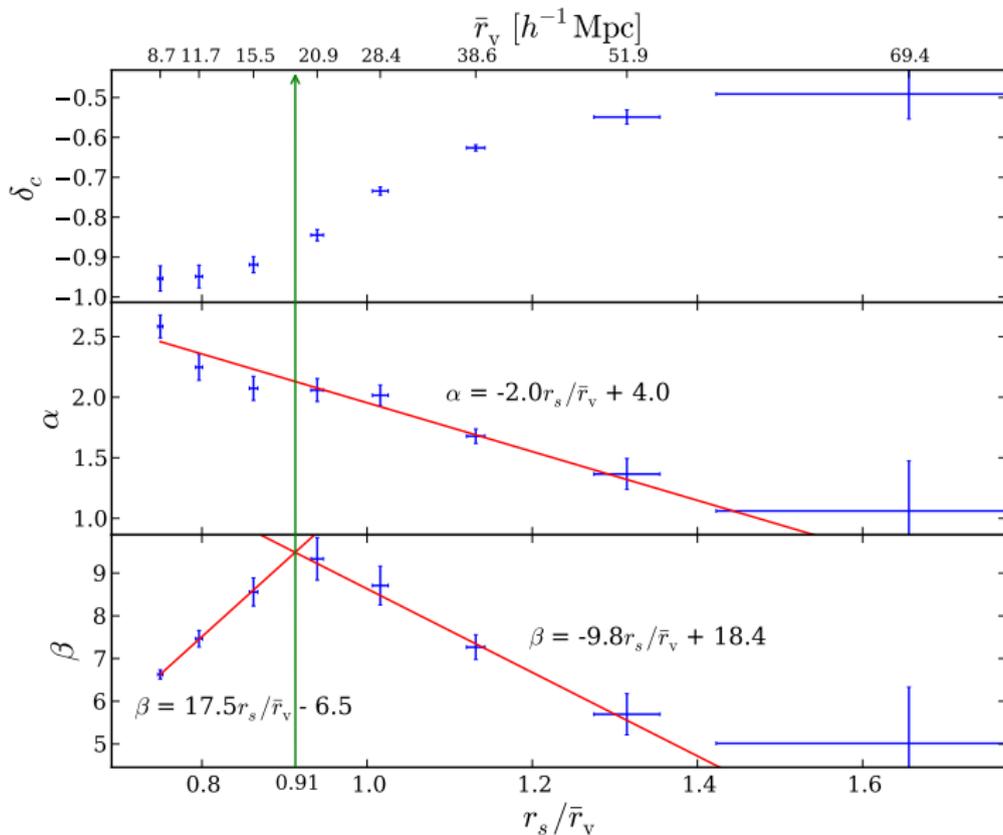
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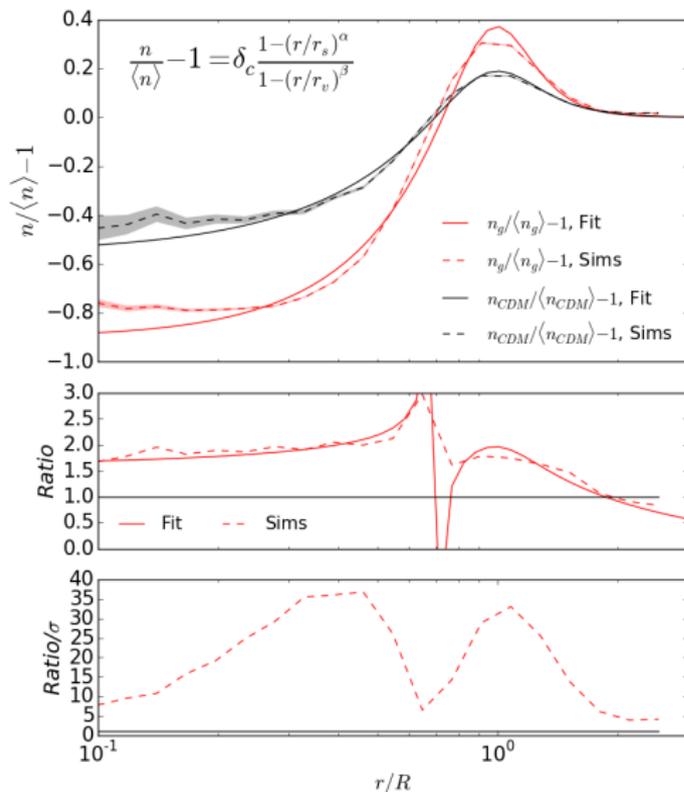
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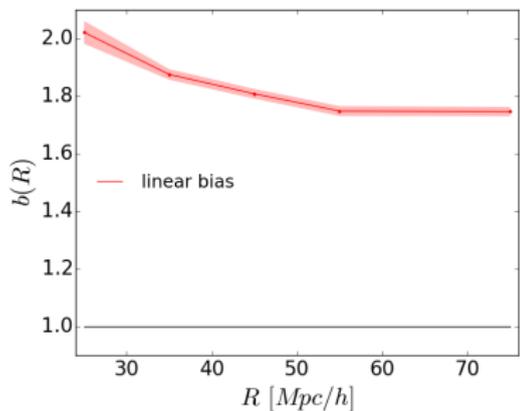
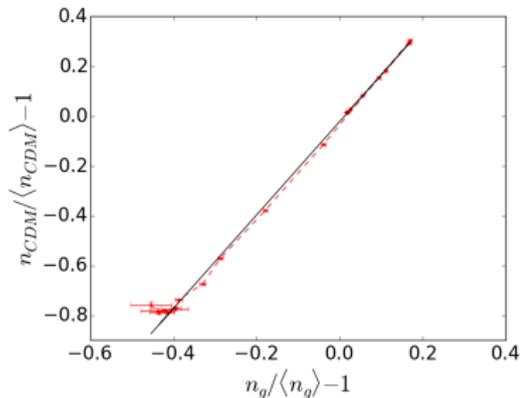
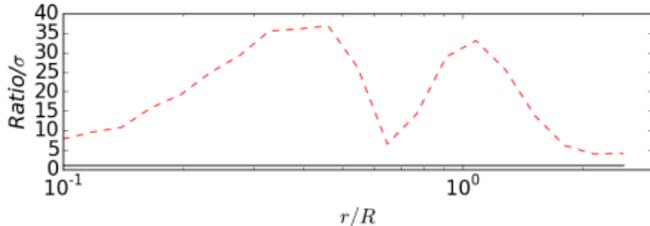
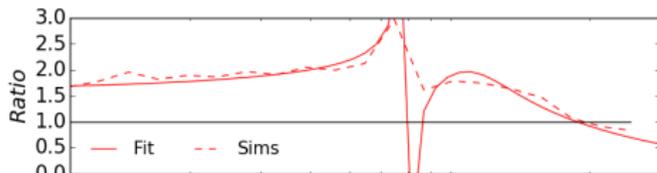
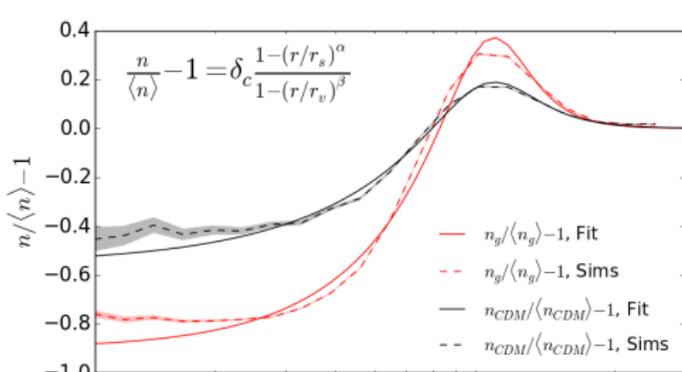
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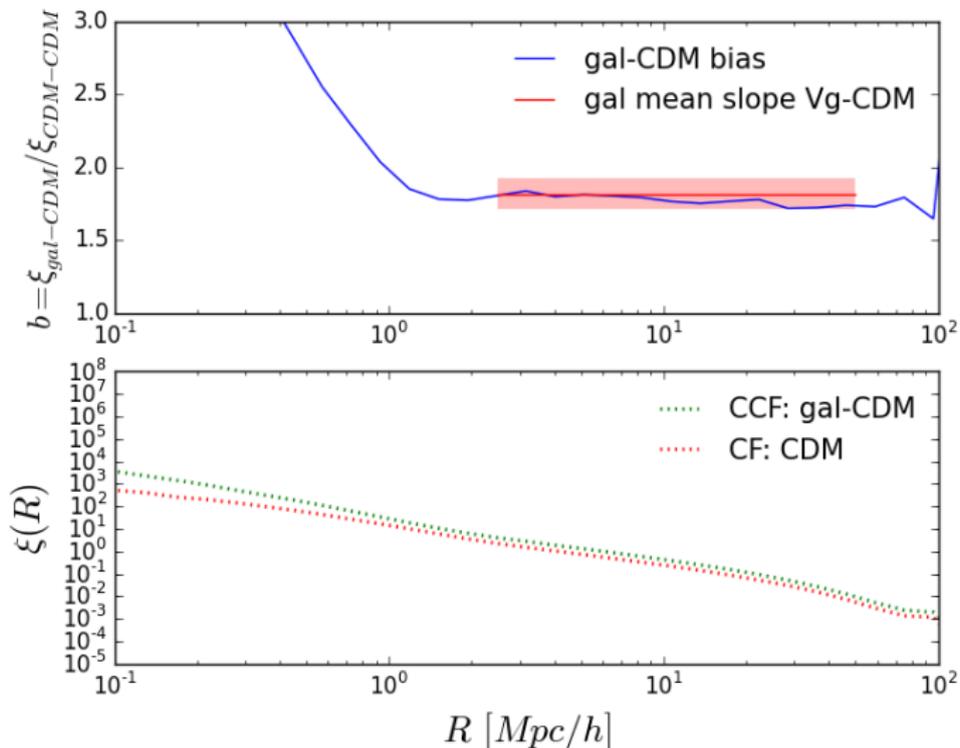
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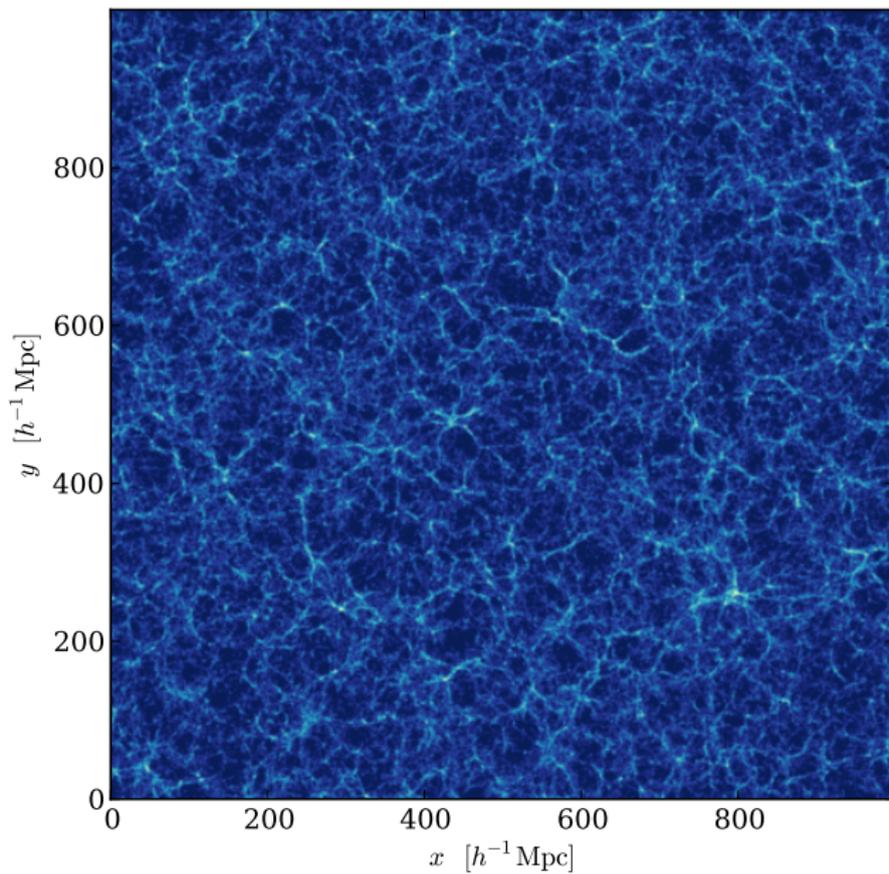
Peculiar motions of galaxies cause **redshift-space distortions**:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{v}_{\parallel} H^{-1}(z)$$

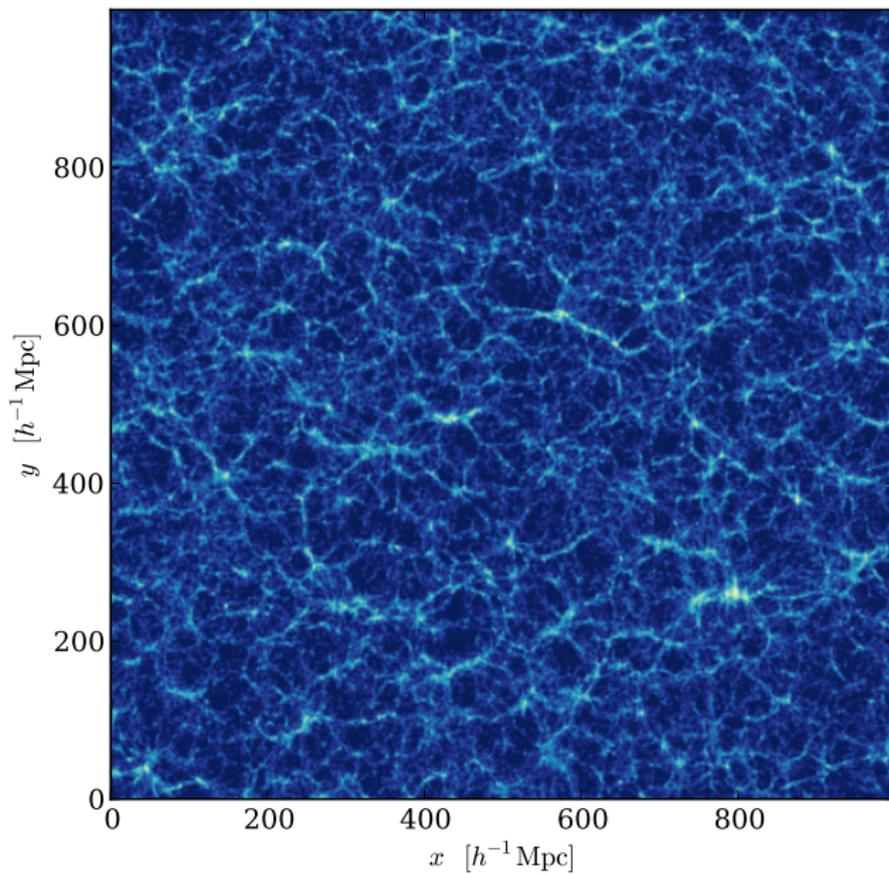
- ➔  $\perp$  to line of sight:  
*Pancakes of God* from linear growth
- ➔  $\parallel$  to line of sight:  
*Fingers of God* from nonlinear collapse
- ➔ Galaxy correlation function no longer isotropic, what about voids?

Melott et al. (1998)

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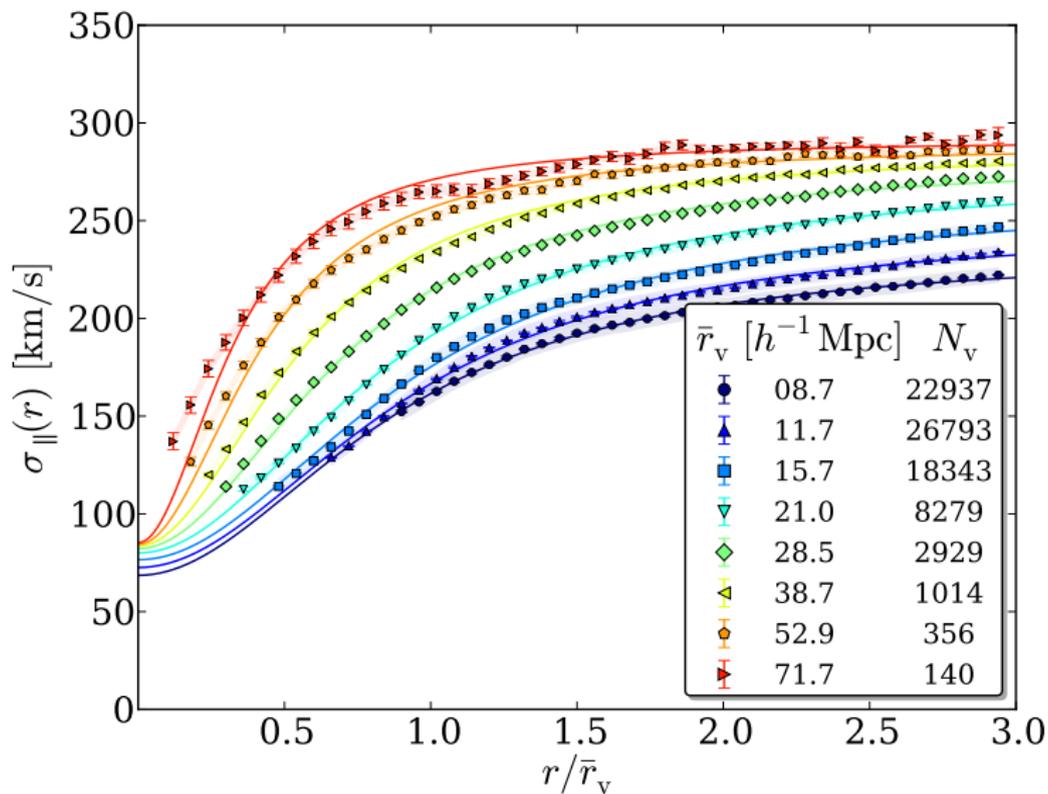
and with velocity dispersion

$$\sigma_v^2(\mathbf{r}) = \sigma_{\parallel}^2(r) \frac{r_{\parallel}^2}{r^2} + \sigma_{\perp}^2(r) \left(1 - \frac{r_{\parallel}^2}{r^2}\right)$$

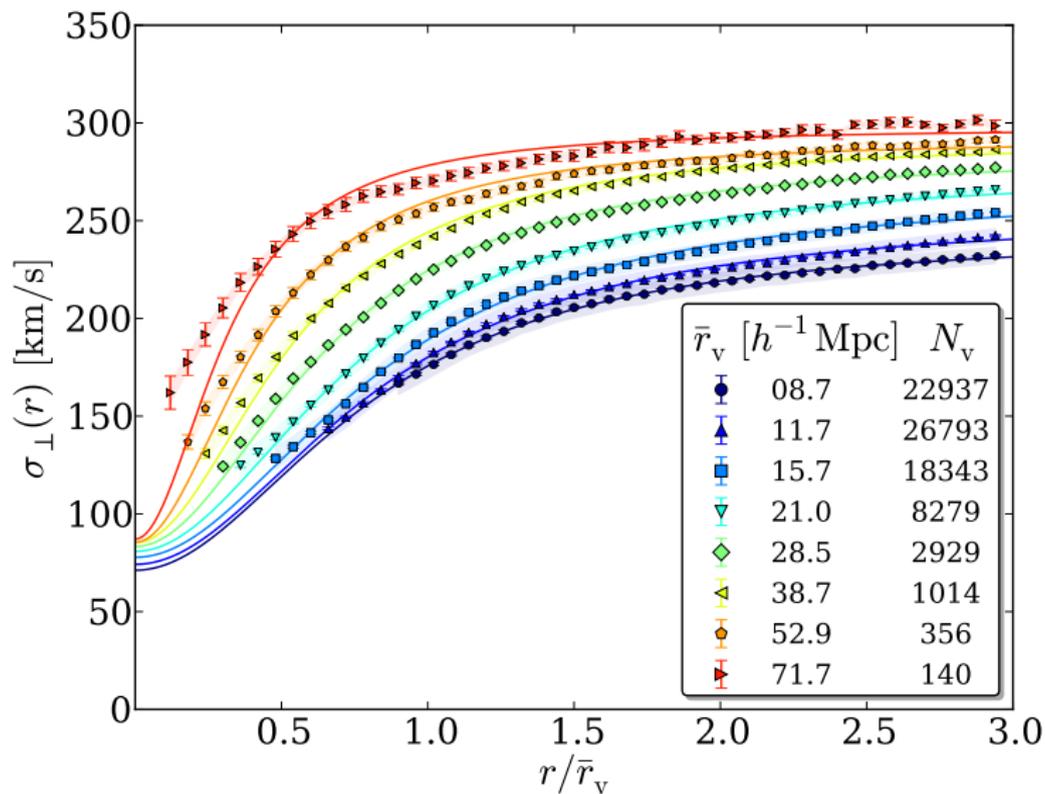
Assume:

$$\sigma_{\parallel, \perp}(r) \equiv \sigma_v = \text{const.}$$

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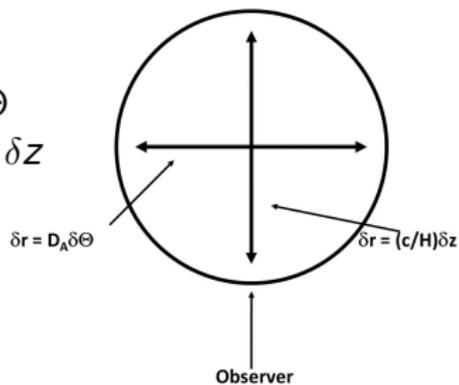
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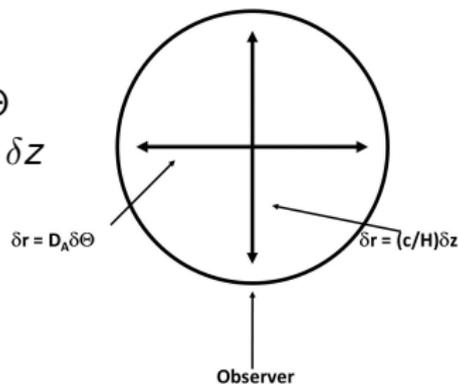
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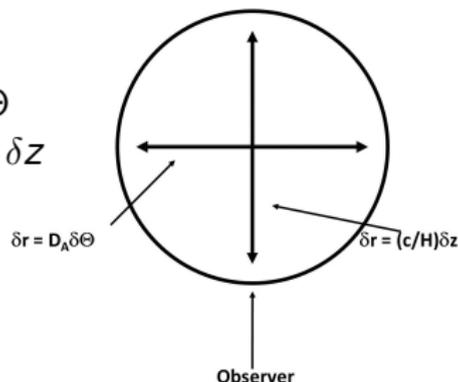
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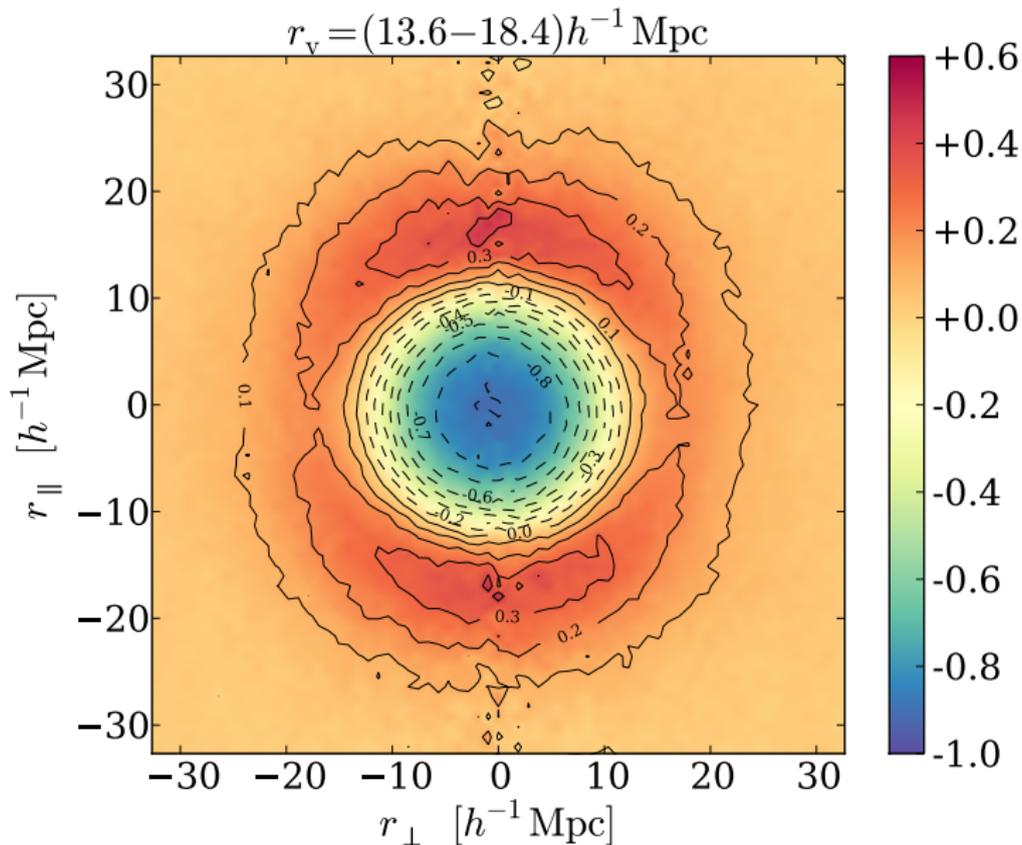
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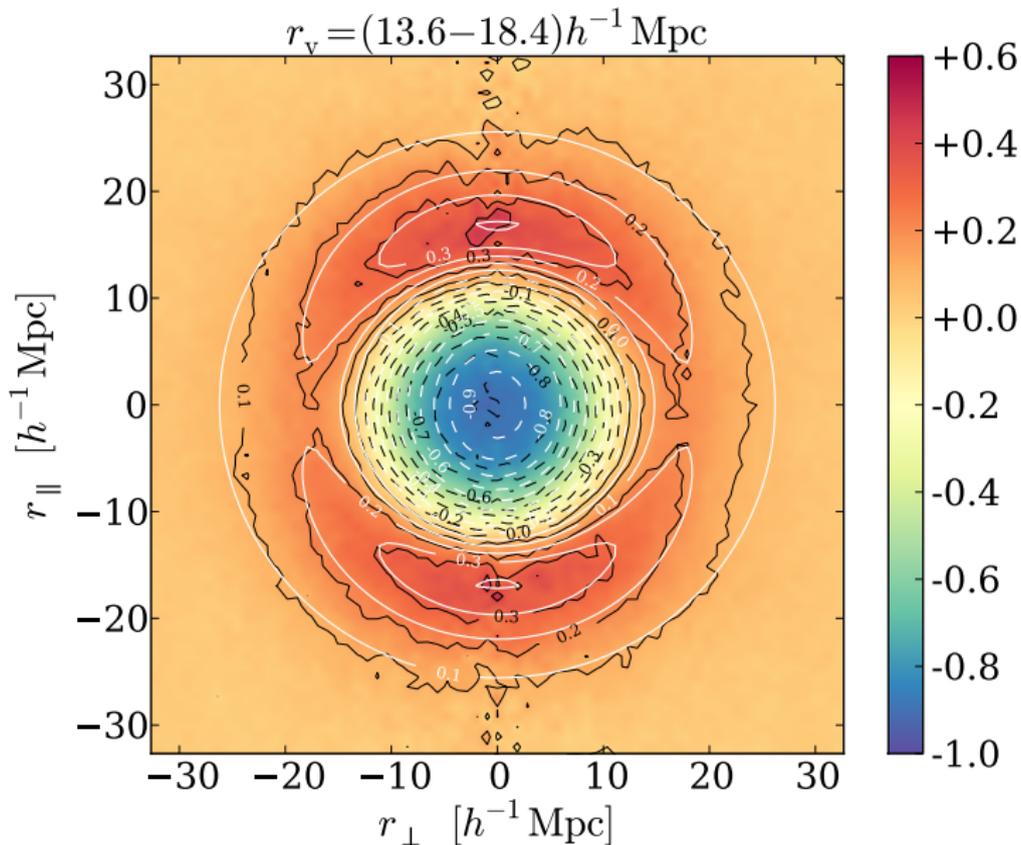
Any deviation from the fiducial cosmology causes geometric distortions.  $\Rightarrow$  Determine **ellipticity**  $\varepsilon$  via

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\delta r_{\parallel}}{\delta r_{\perp}} = \frac{D_A^{\text{true}}(z)H^{\text{true}}(z)}{D_A^{\text{fid}}(z)H^{\text{fid}}(z)}$$

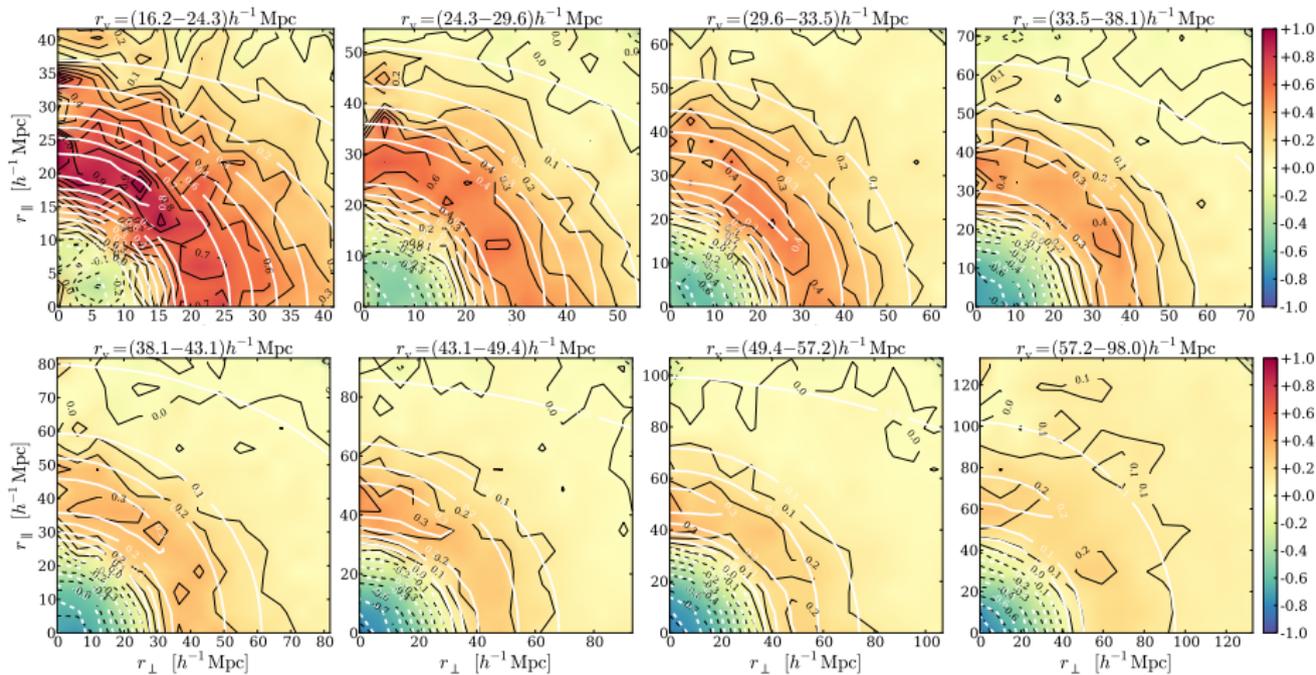
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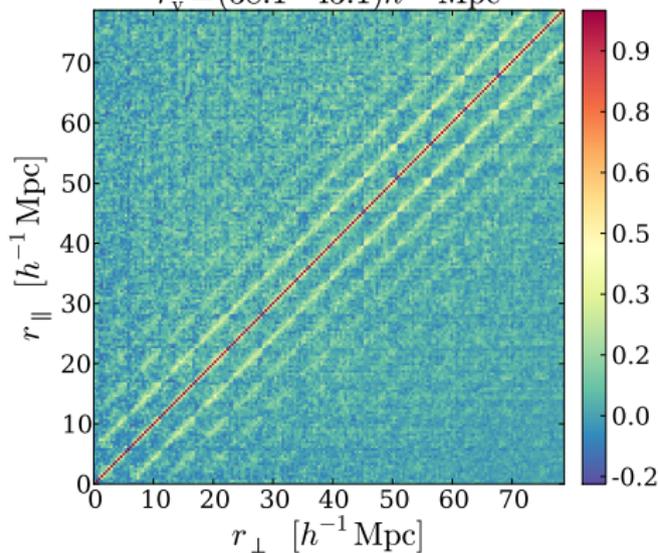
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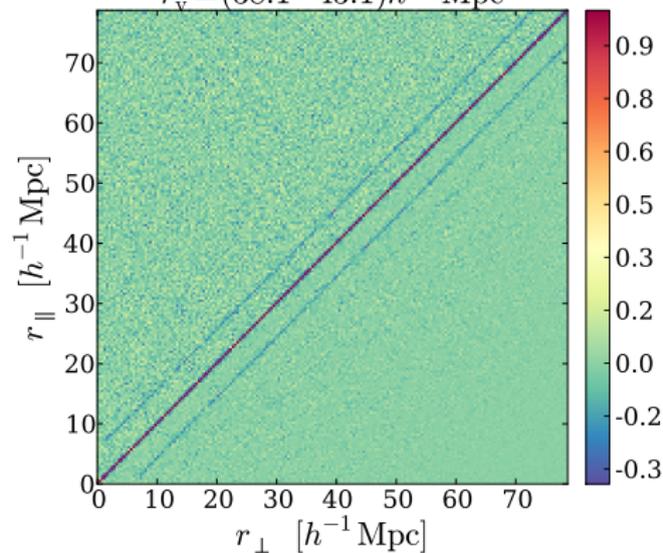
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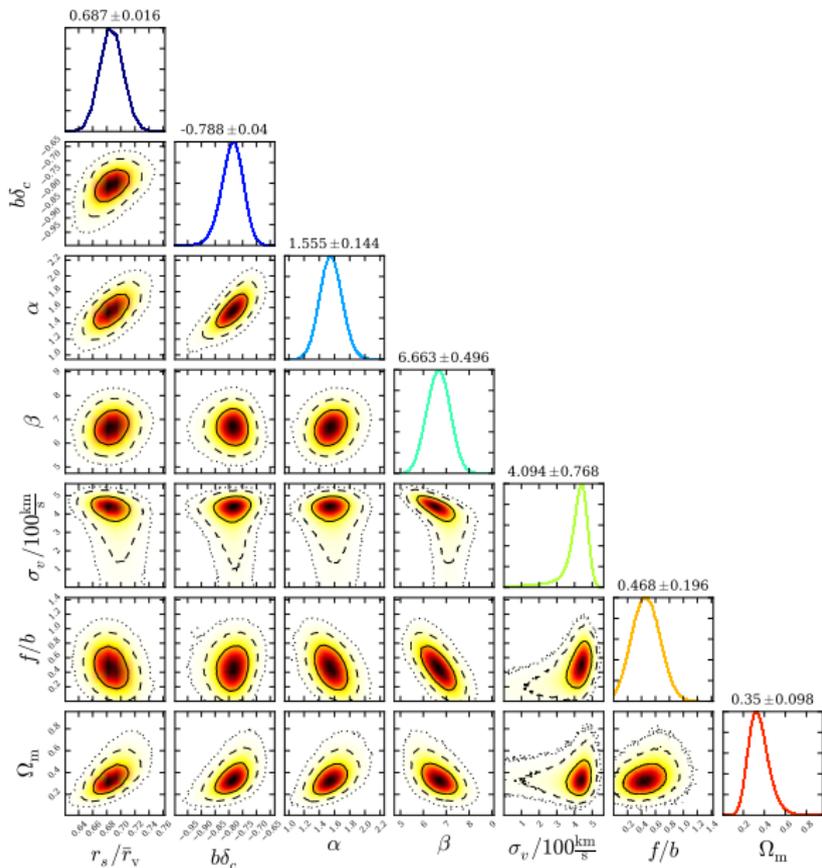
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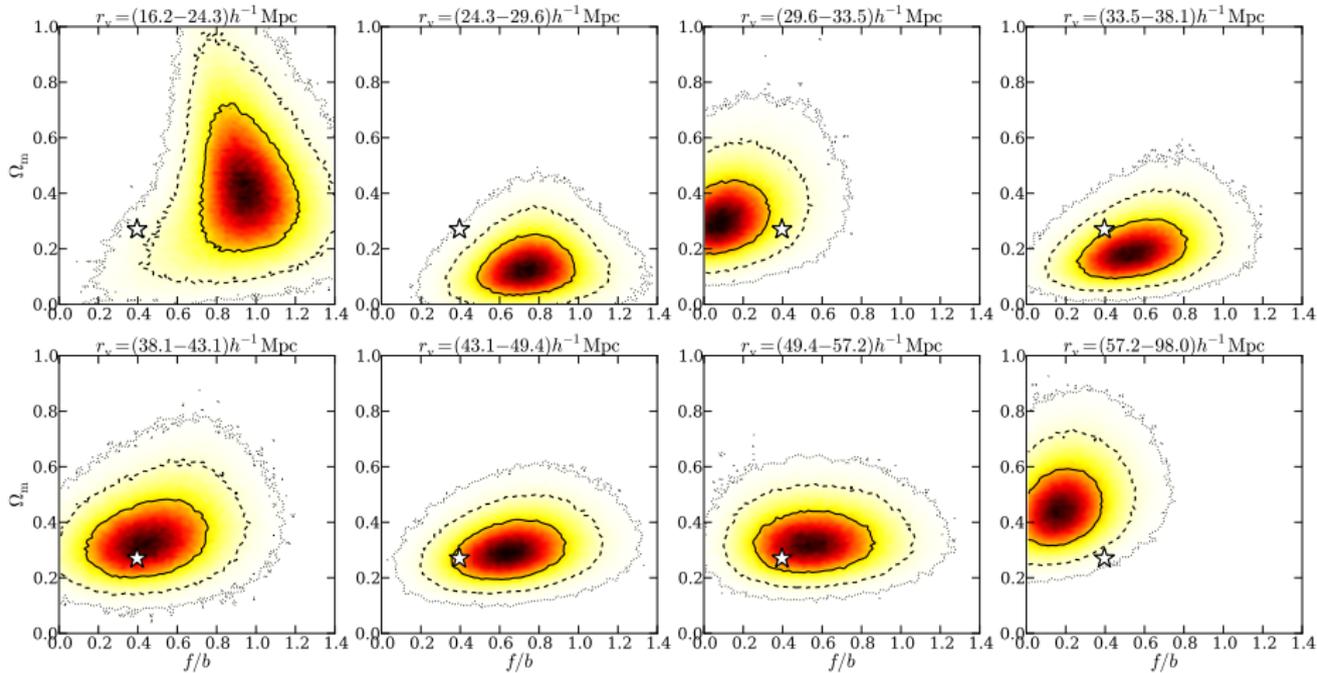


$$\mathcal{L}(\hat{\xi}_{\text{vg}} | \theta) \propto \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\hat{\xi}_{\text{vg}} - \xi_{\text{vg}})^{\top} \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\hat{\xi}_{\text{vg}} - \xi_{\text{vg}}) \right]$$

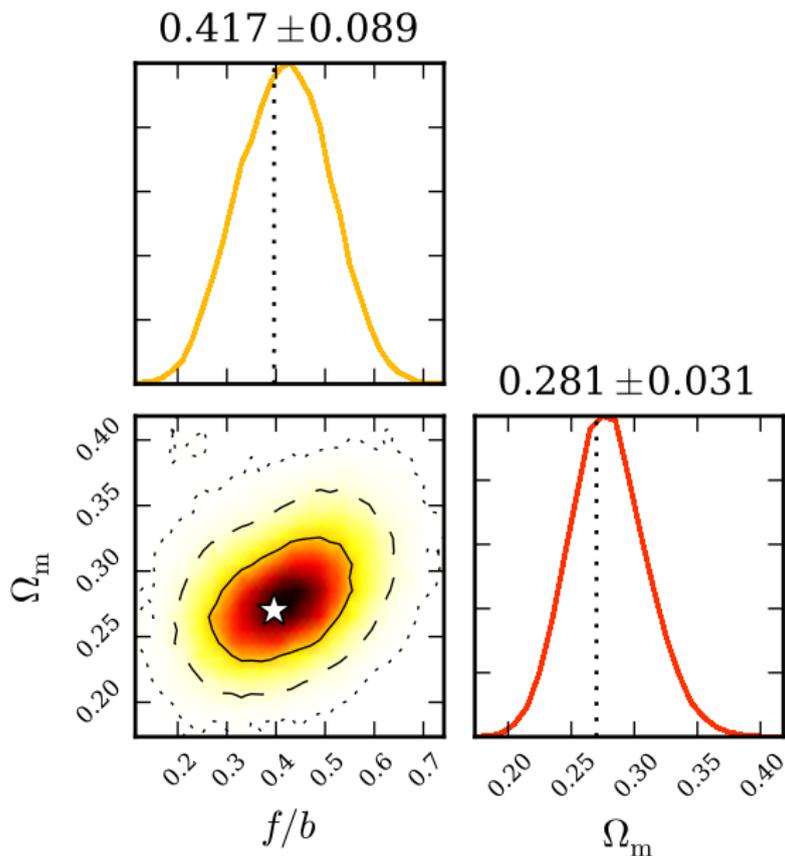
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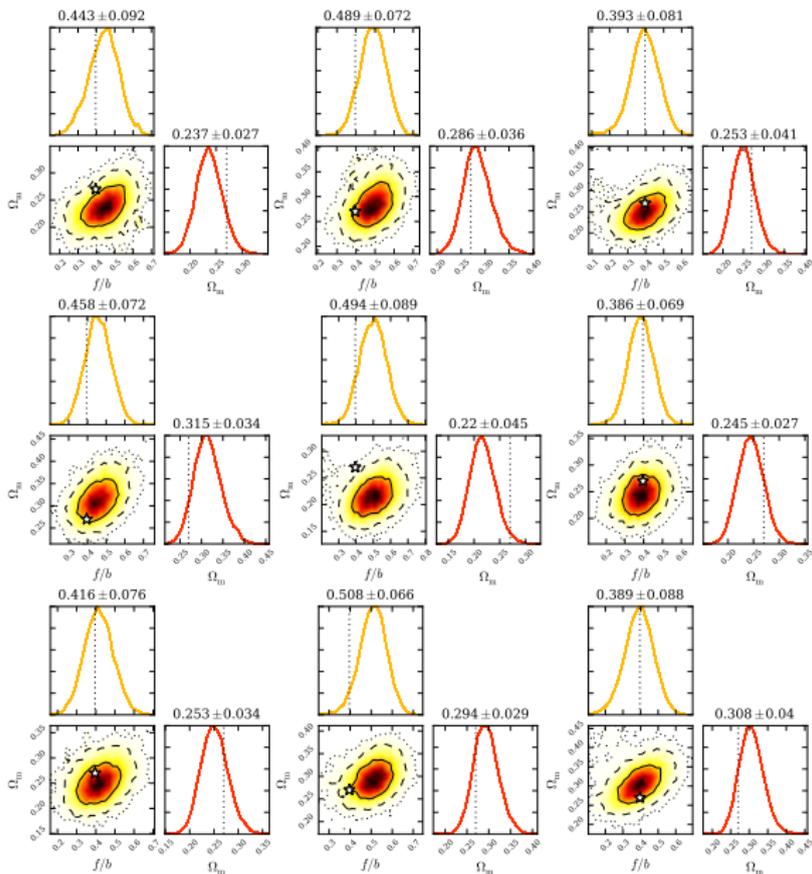
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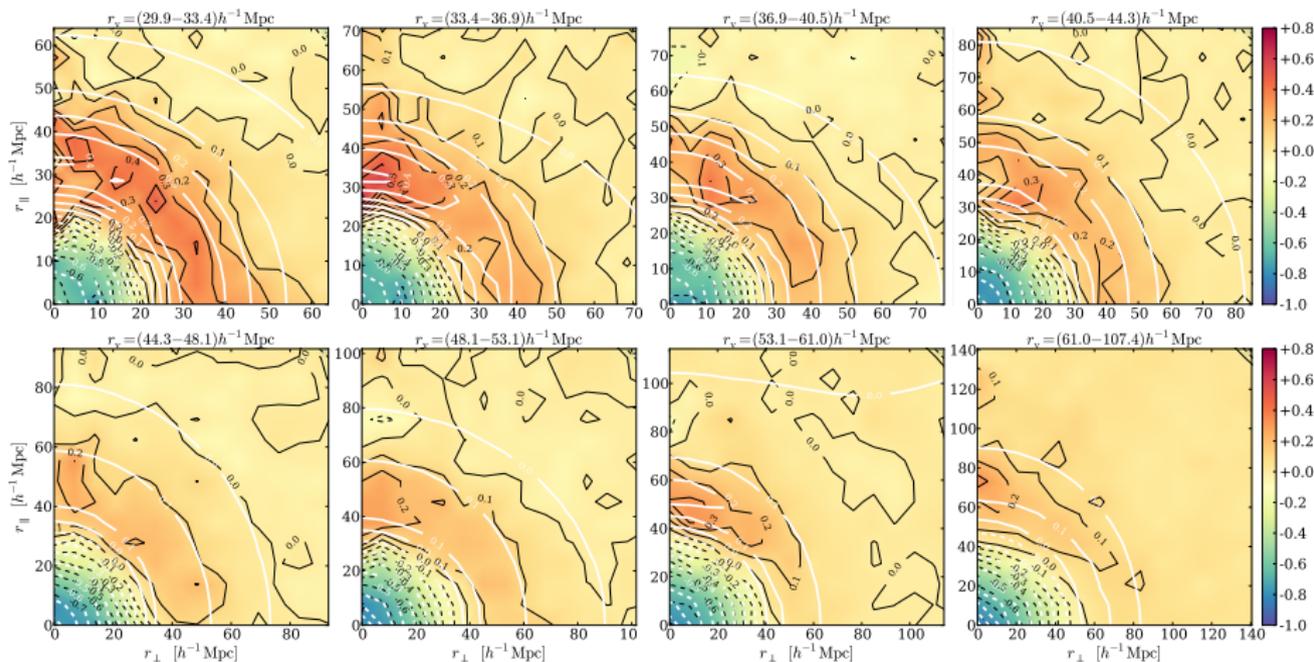
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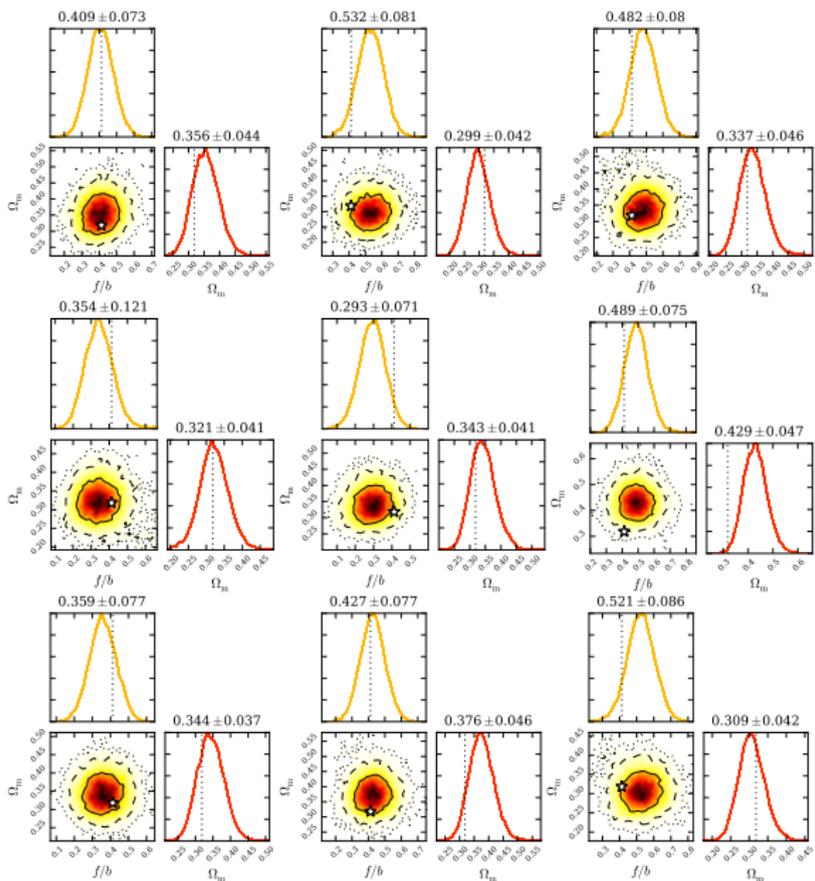
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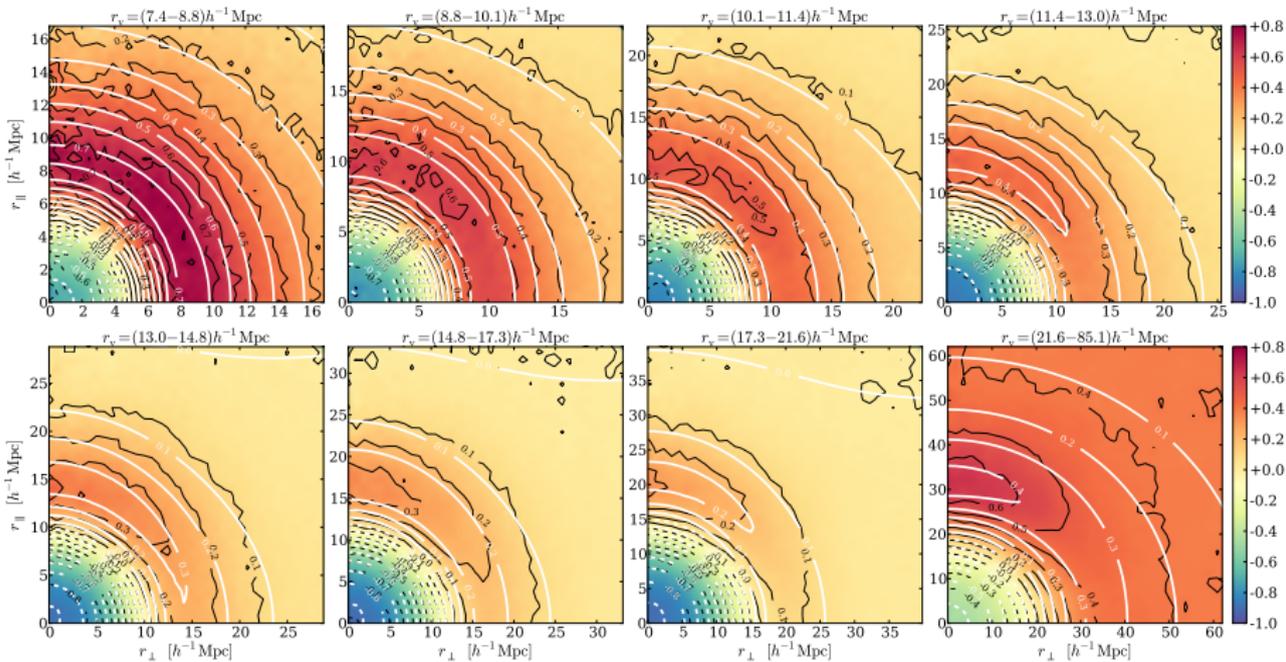
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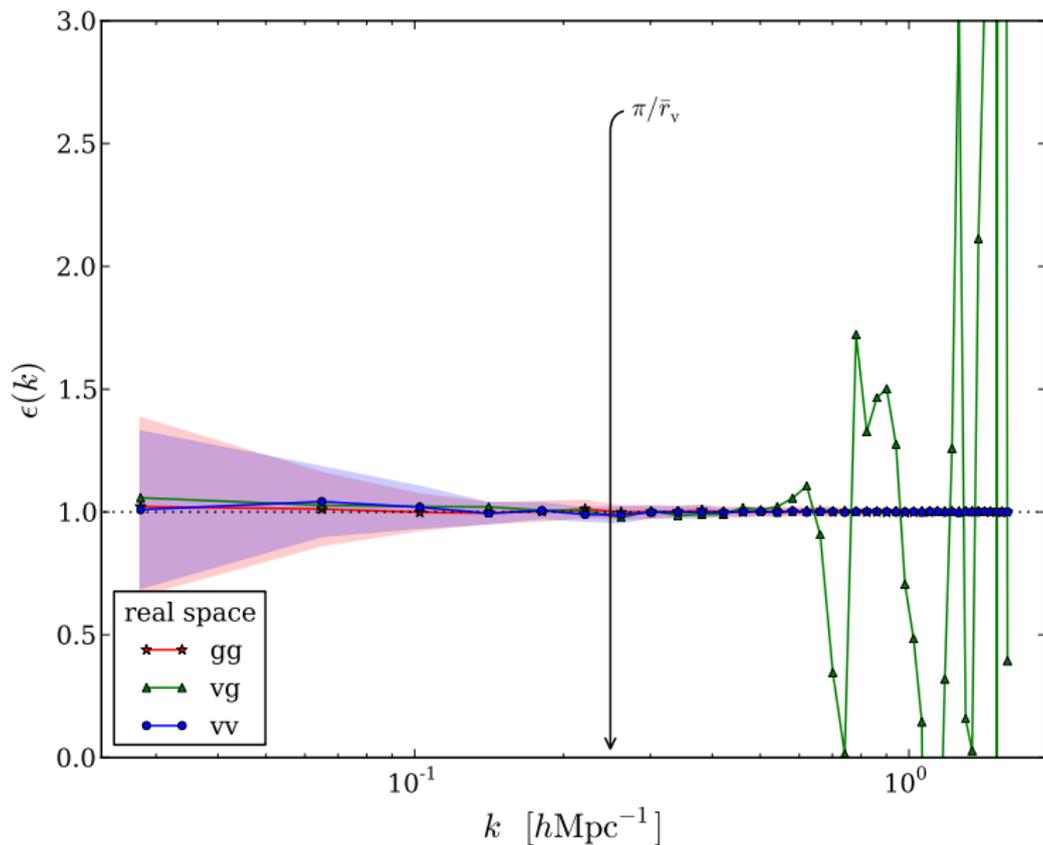


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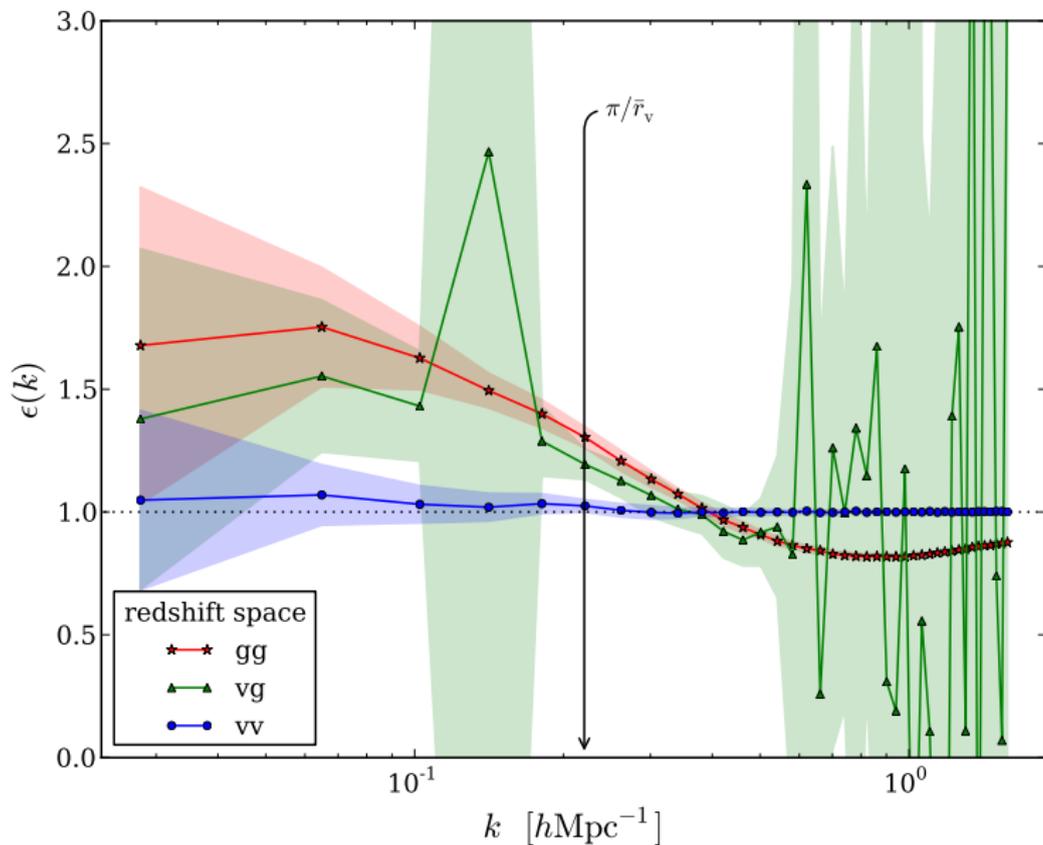
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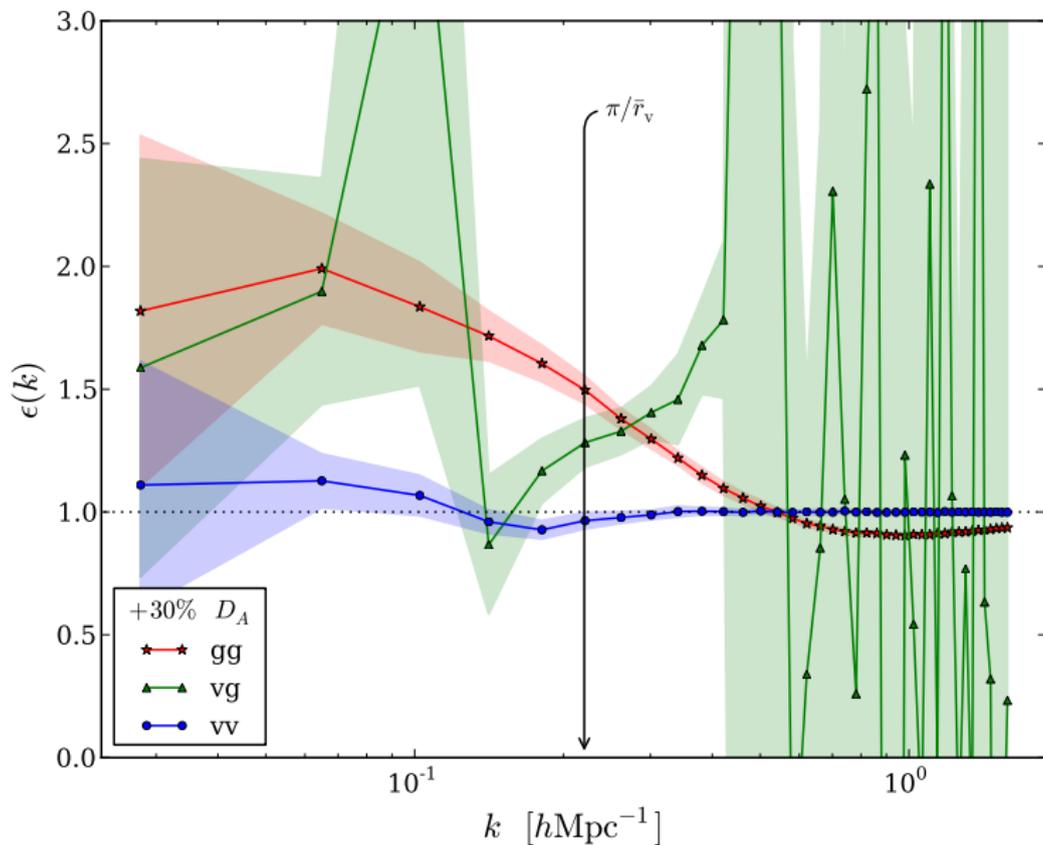
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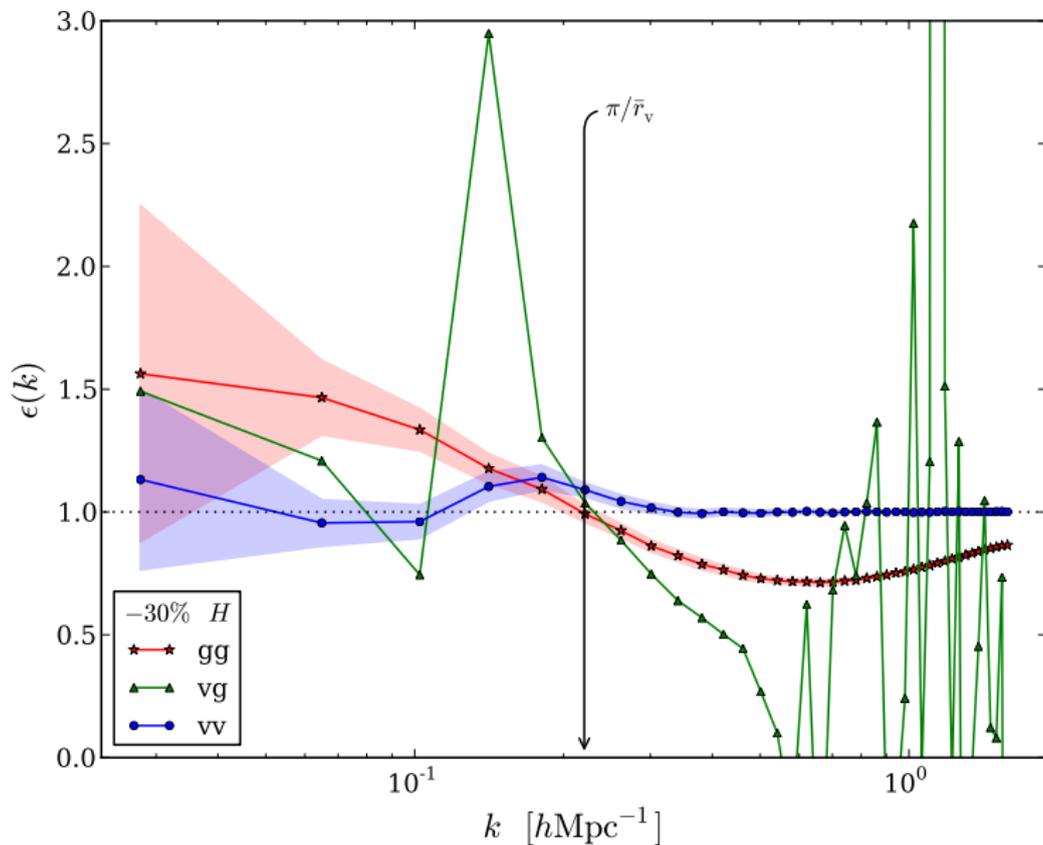
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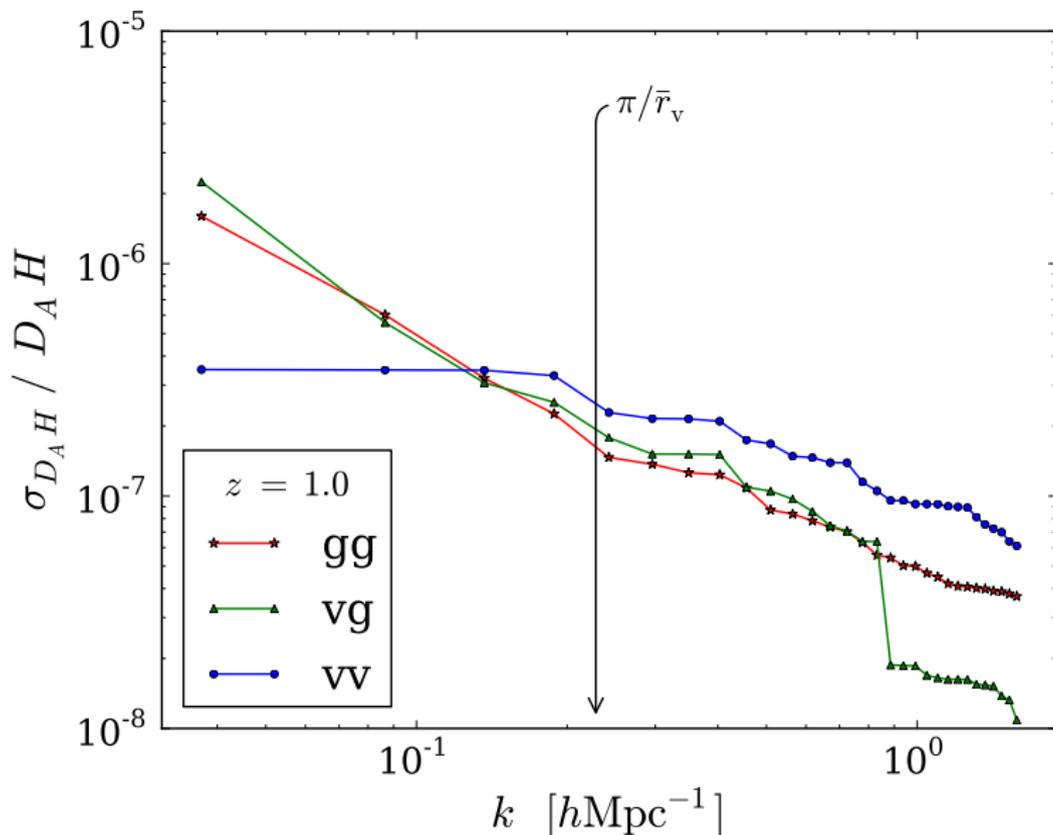
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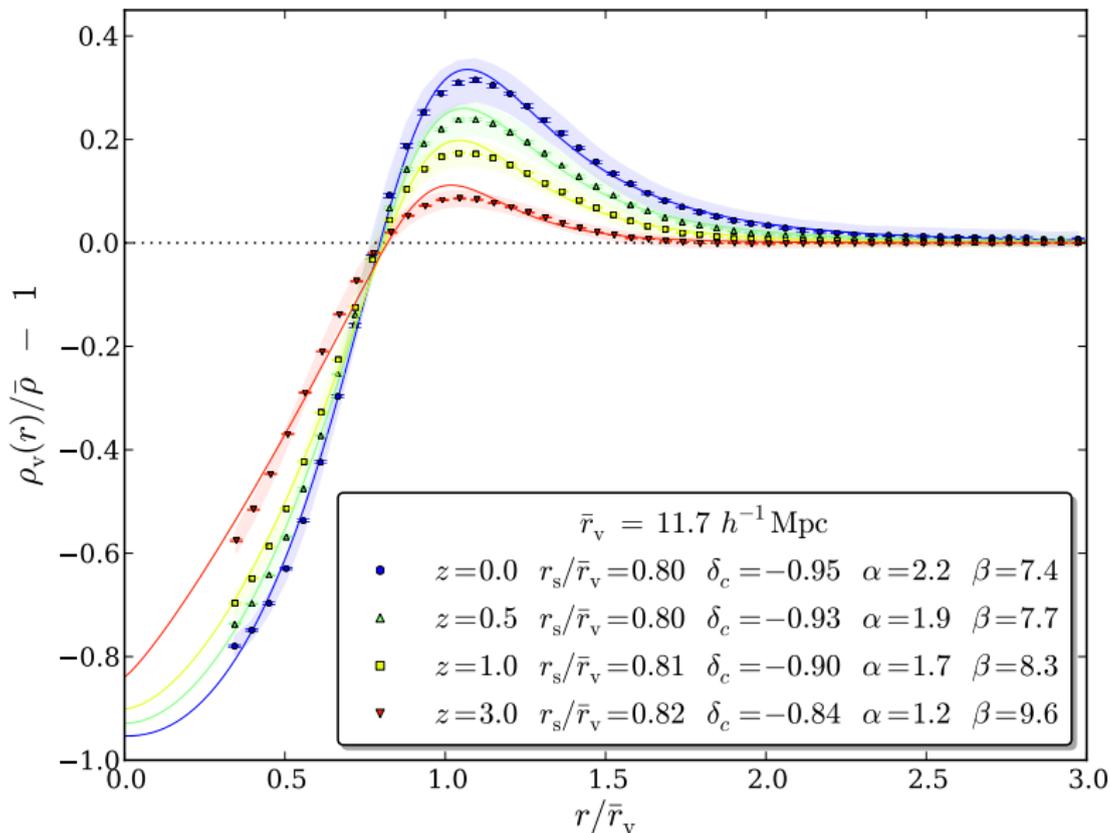
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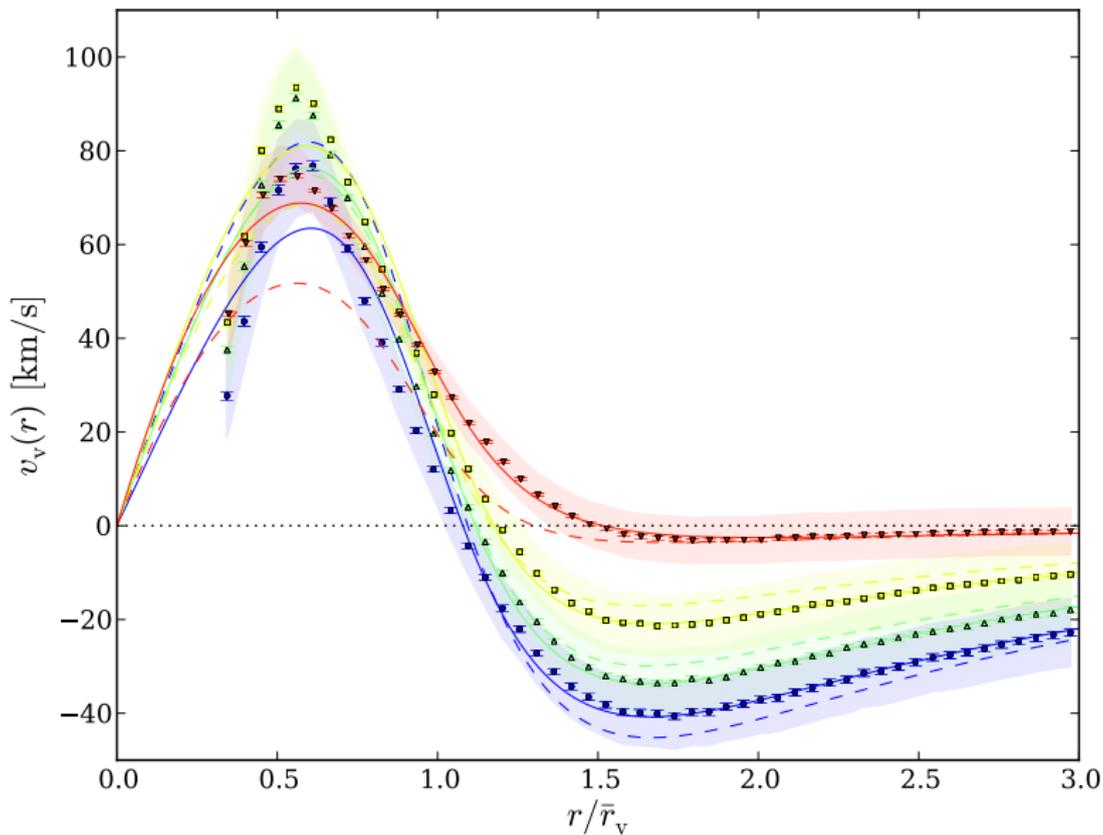
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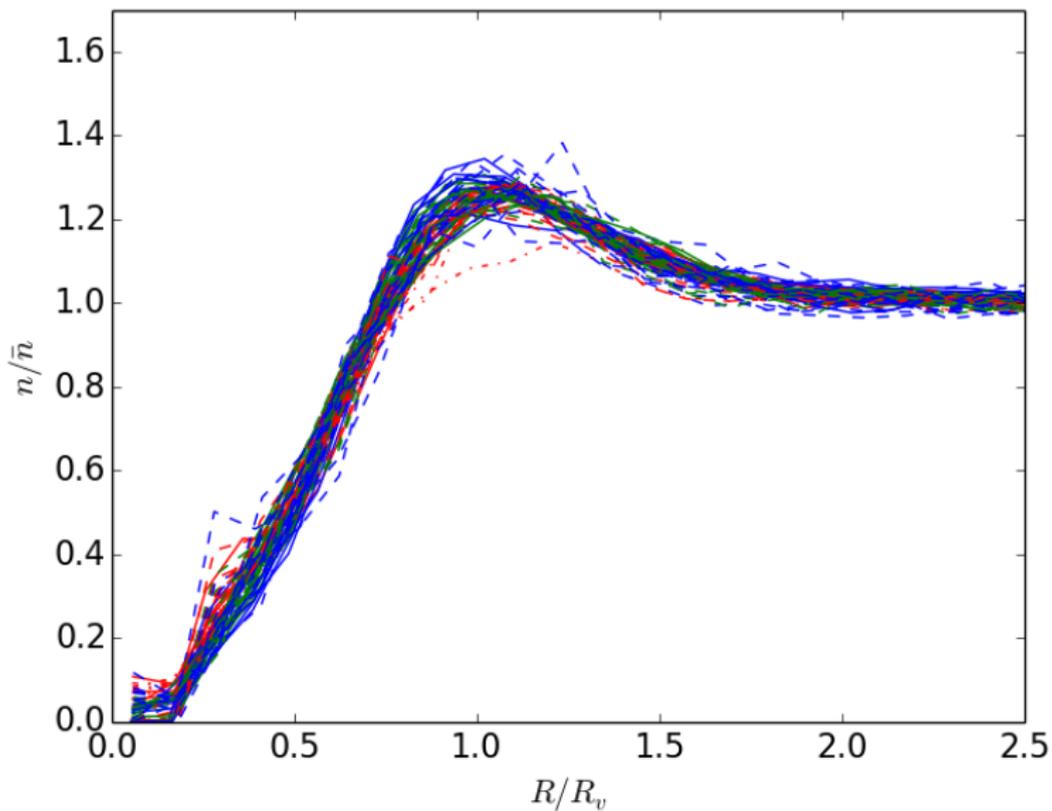
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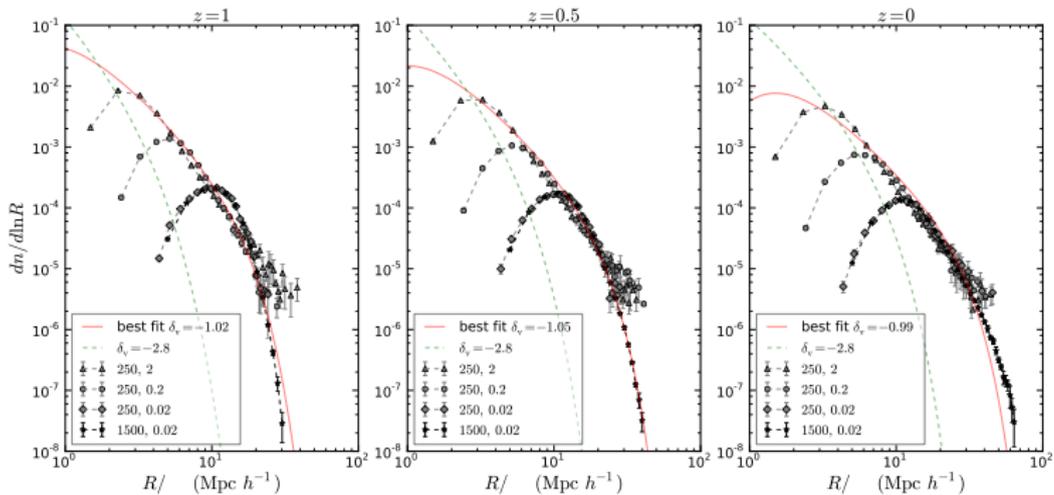
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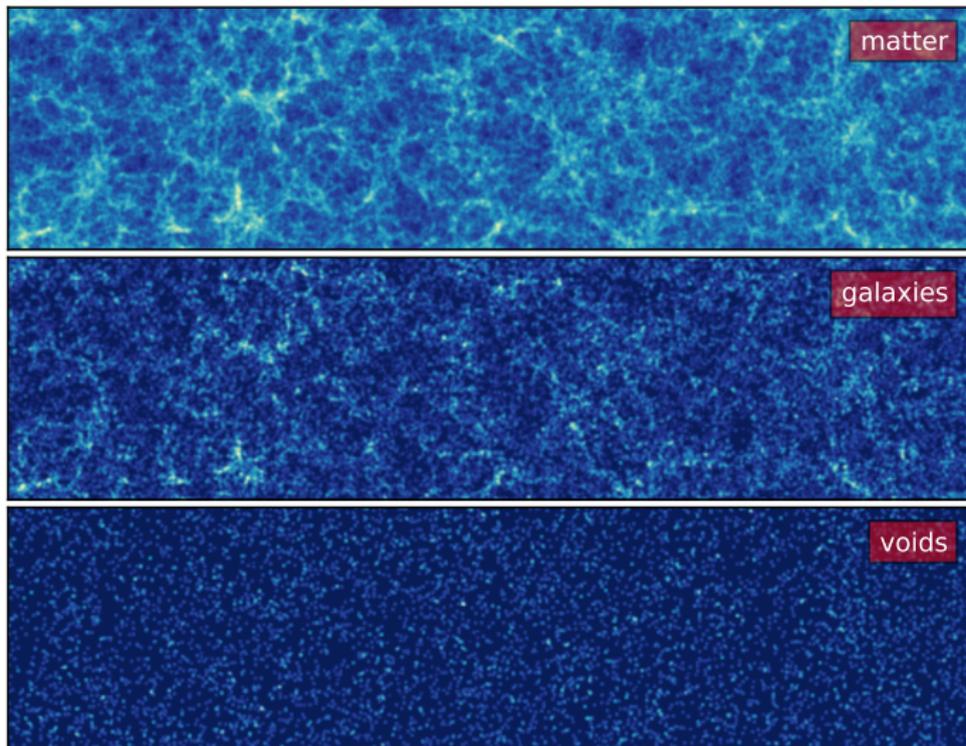


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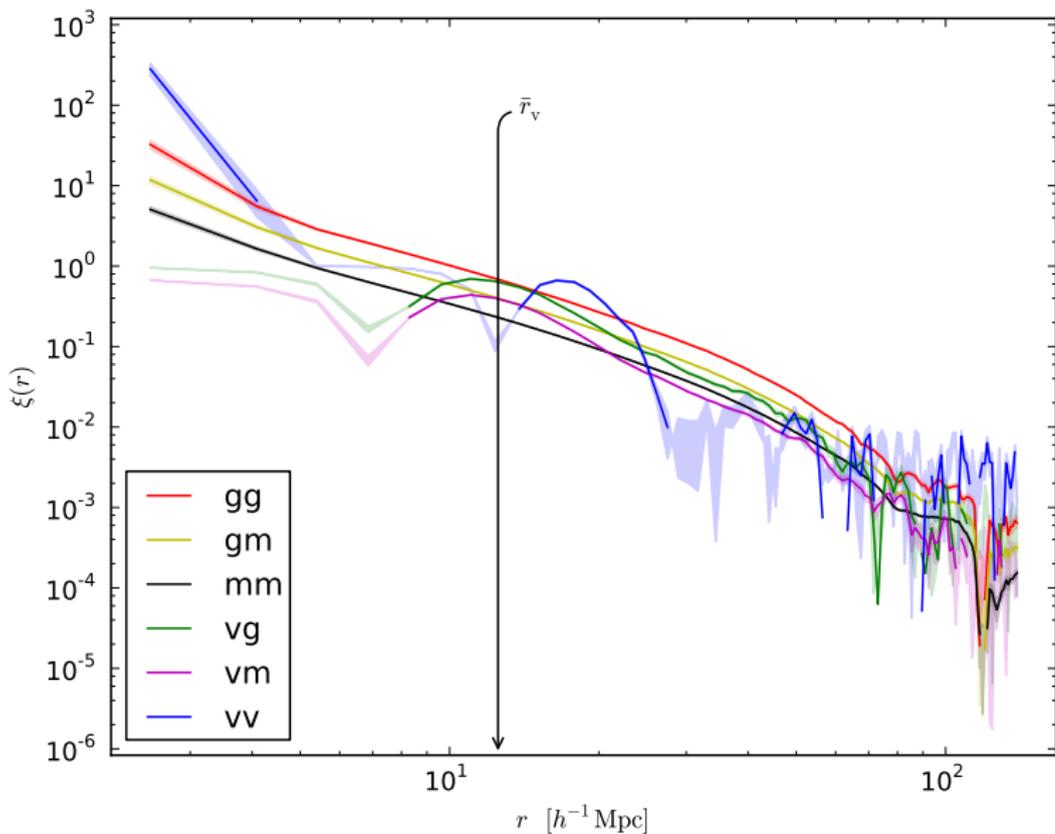


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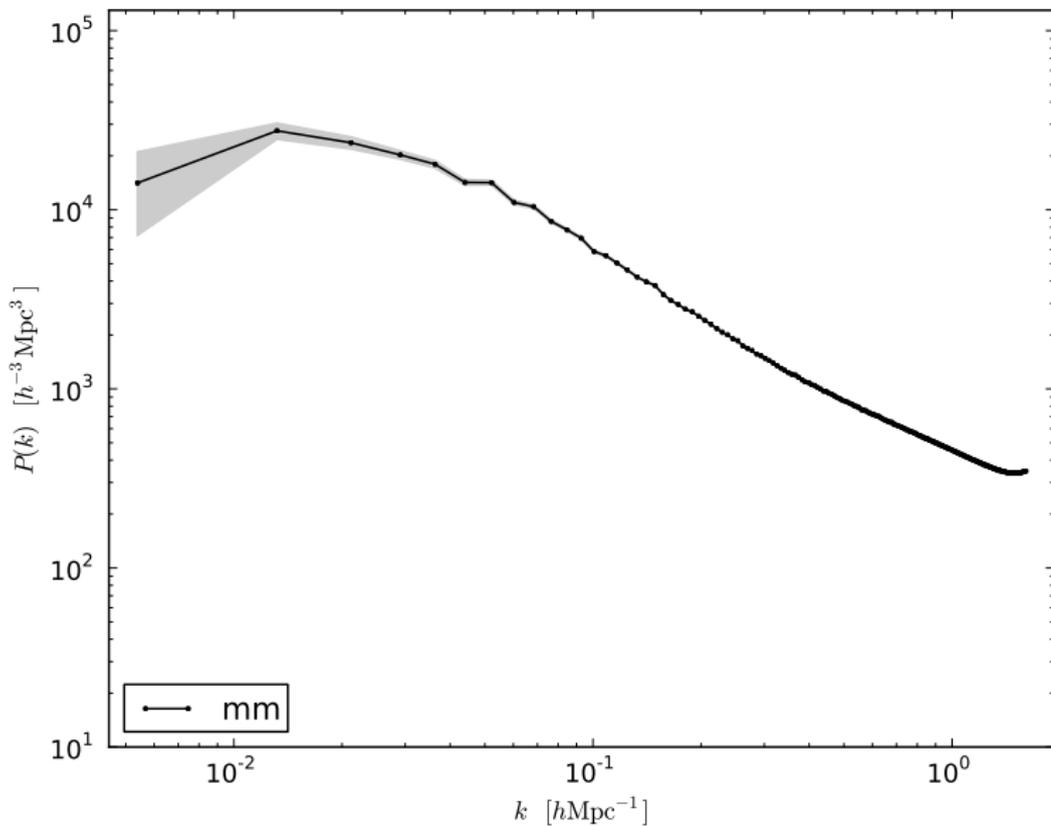
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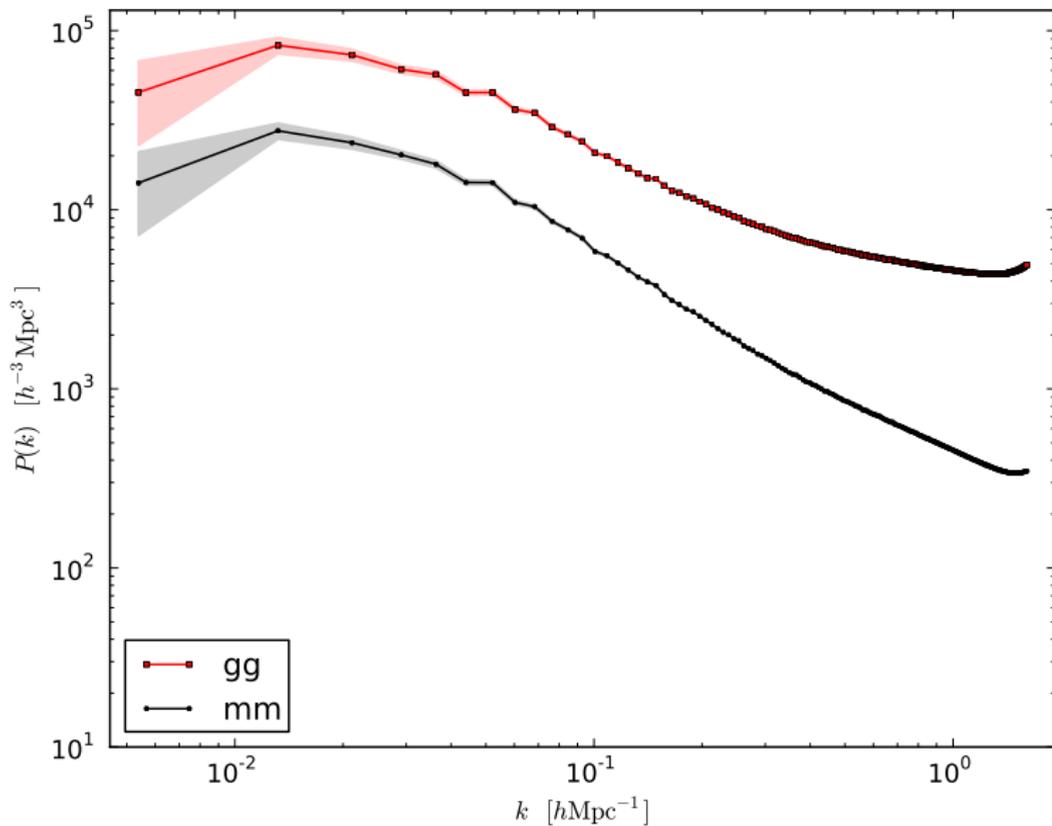
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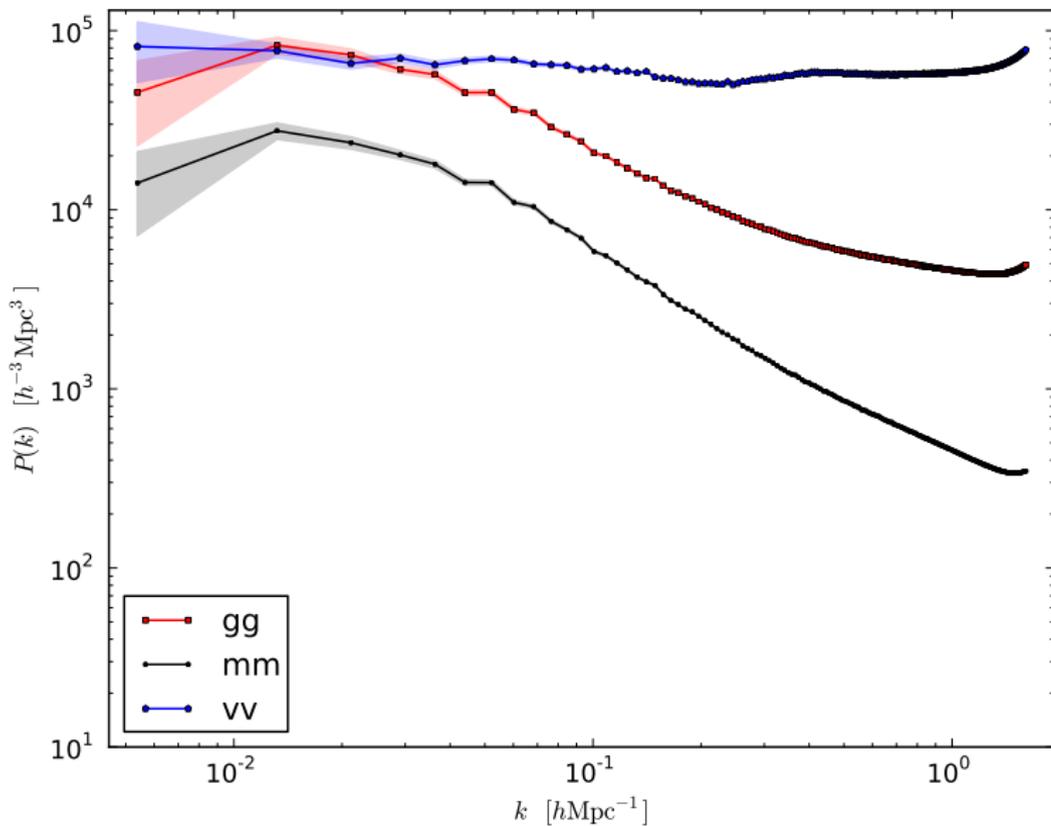
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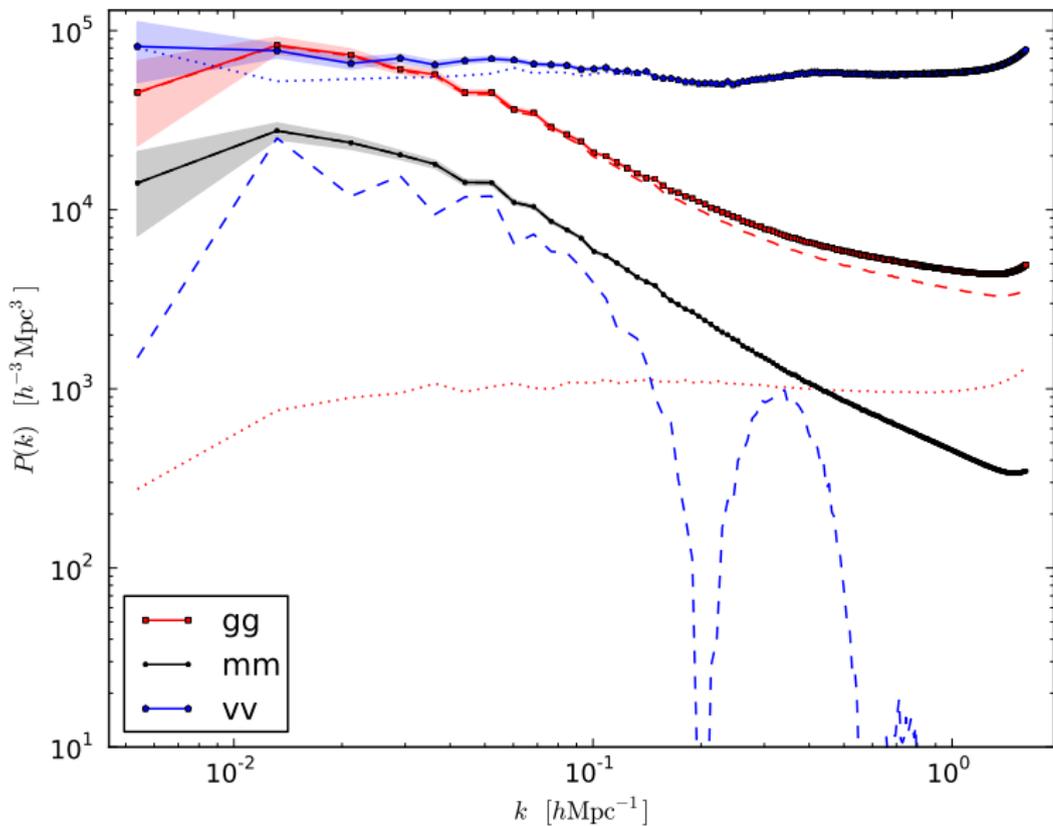
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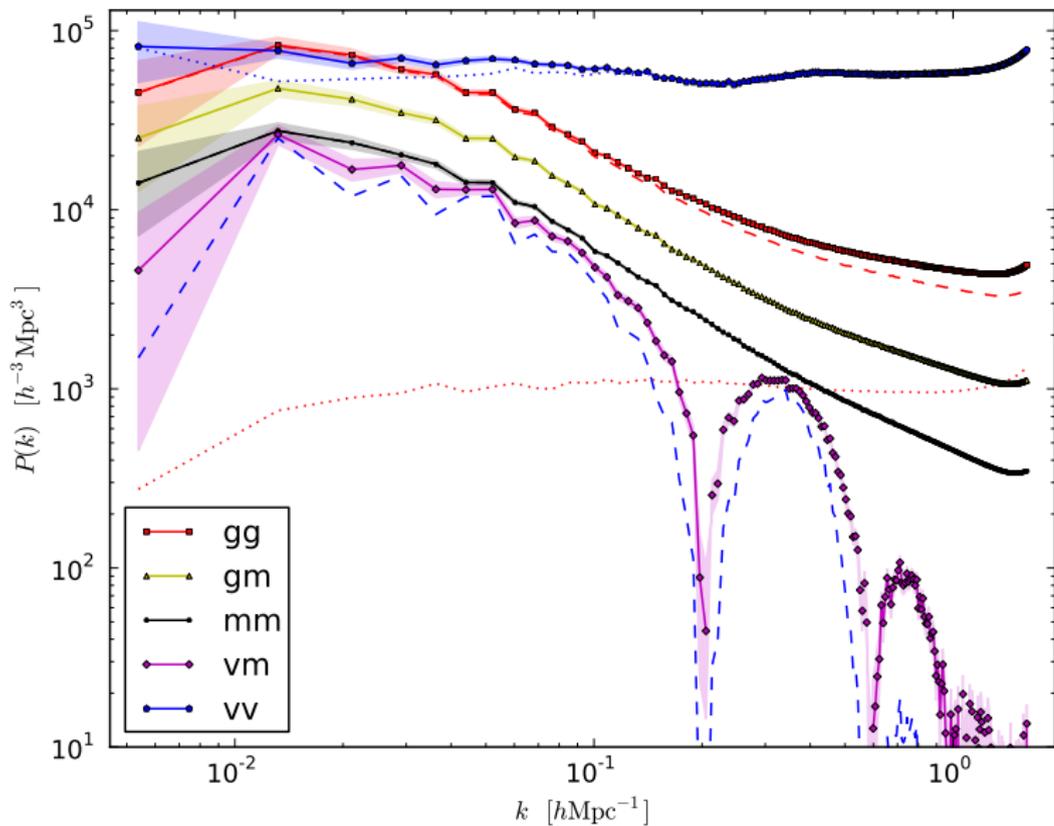
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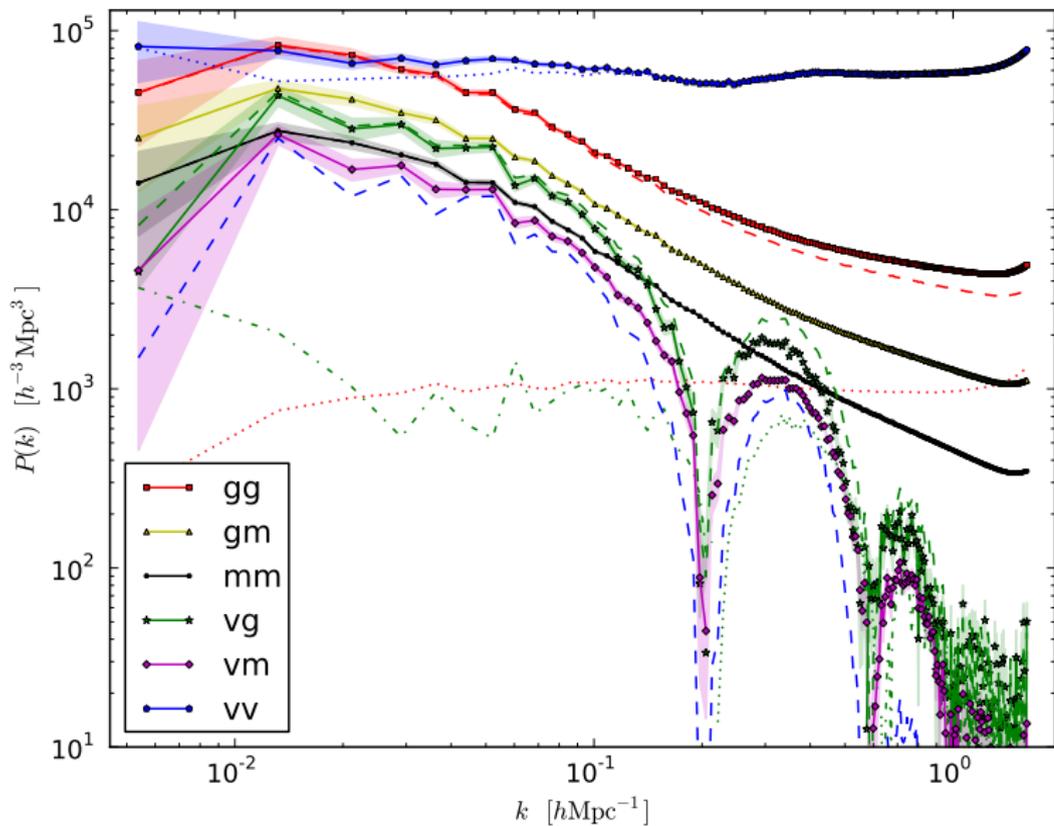
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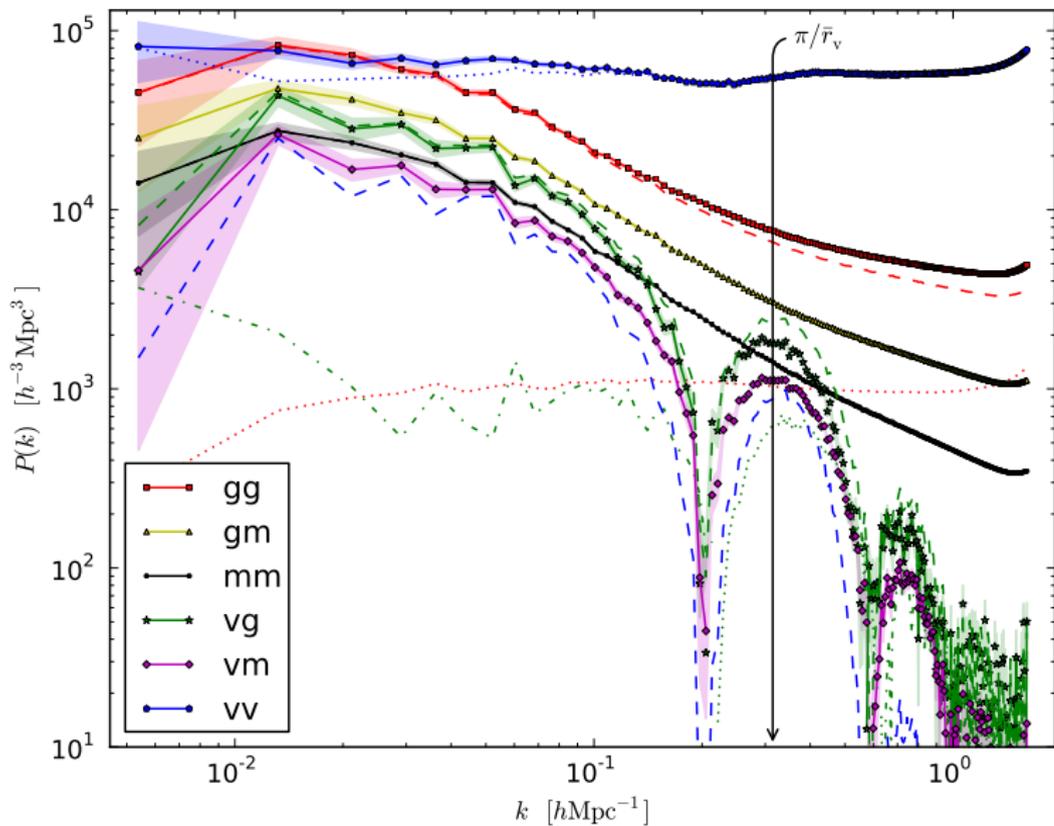
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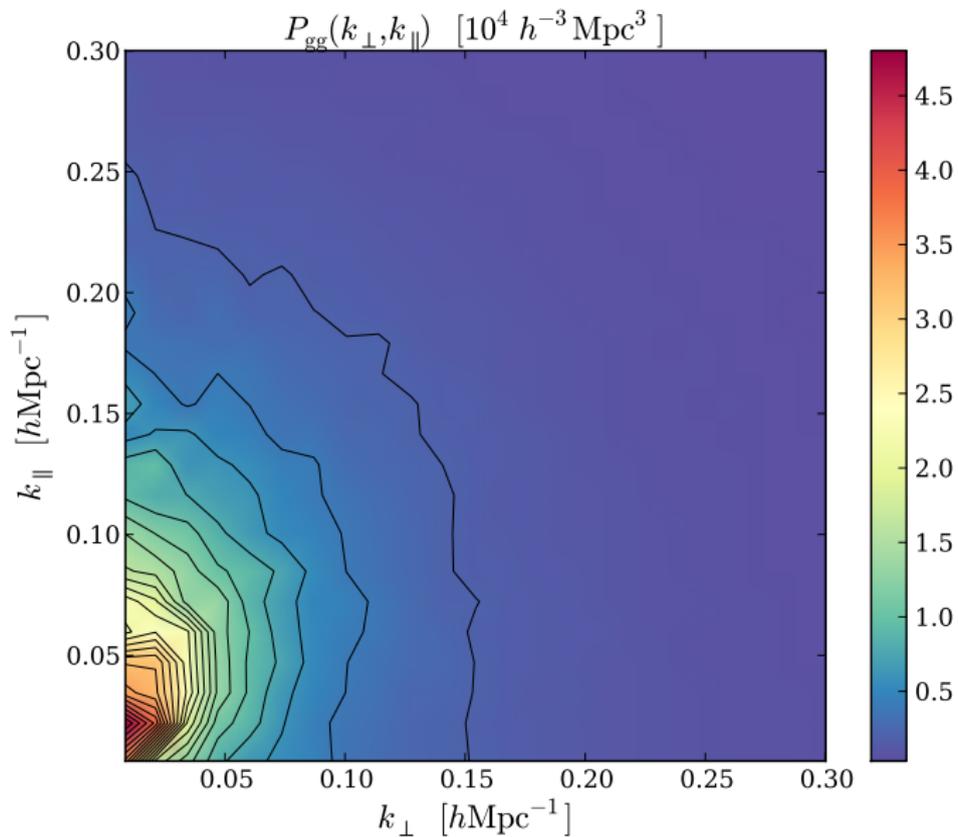
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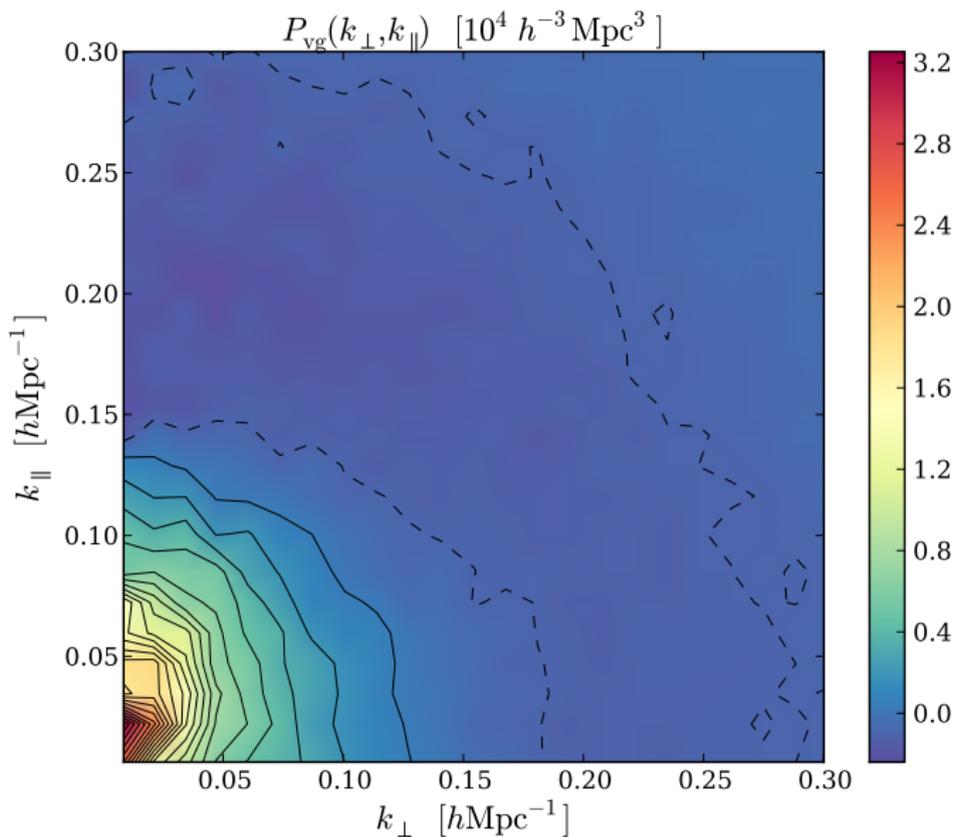
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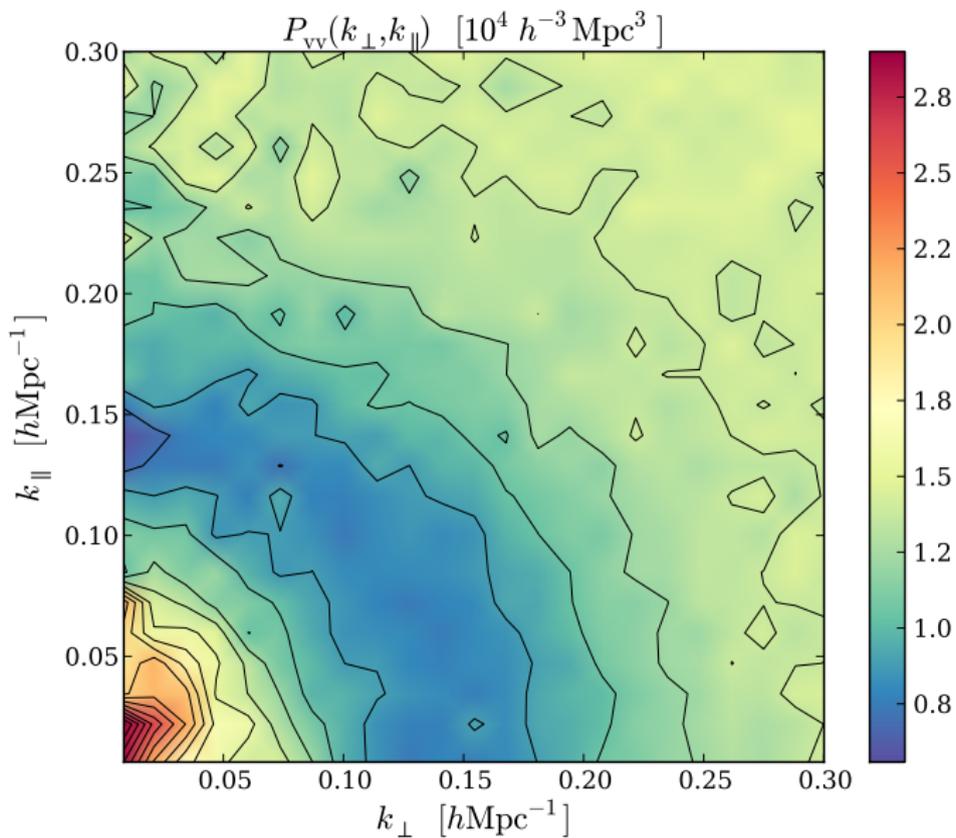
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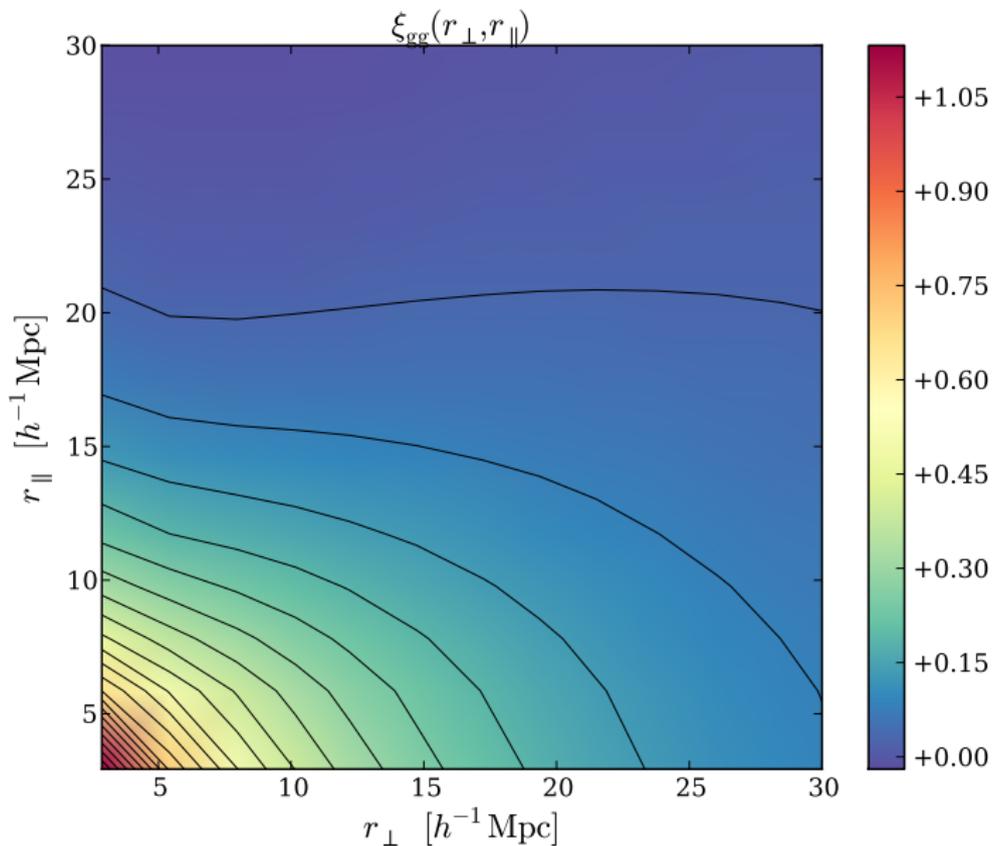
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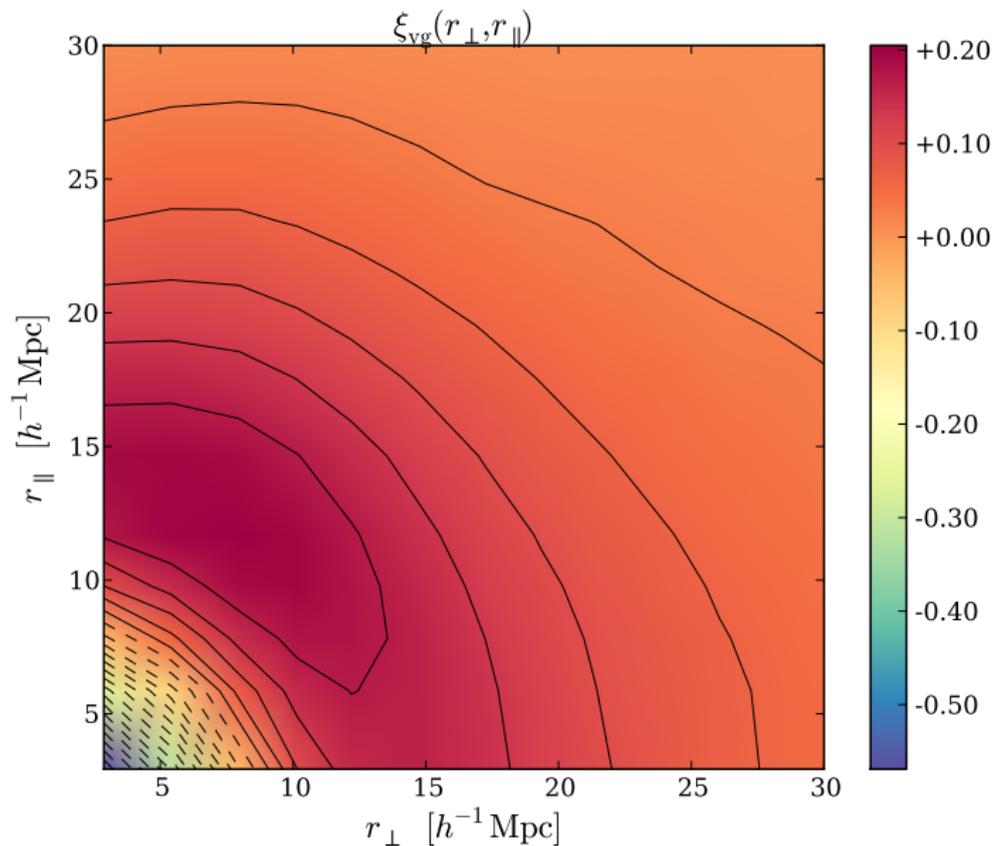
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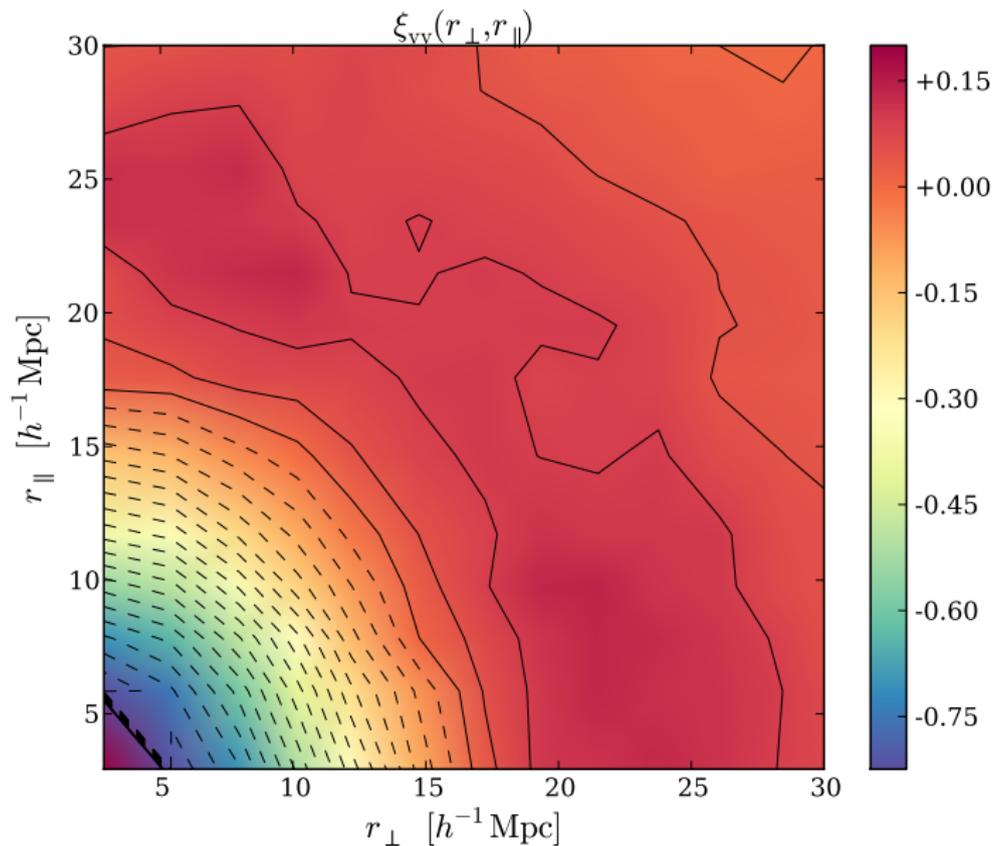
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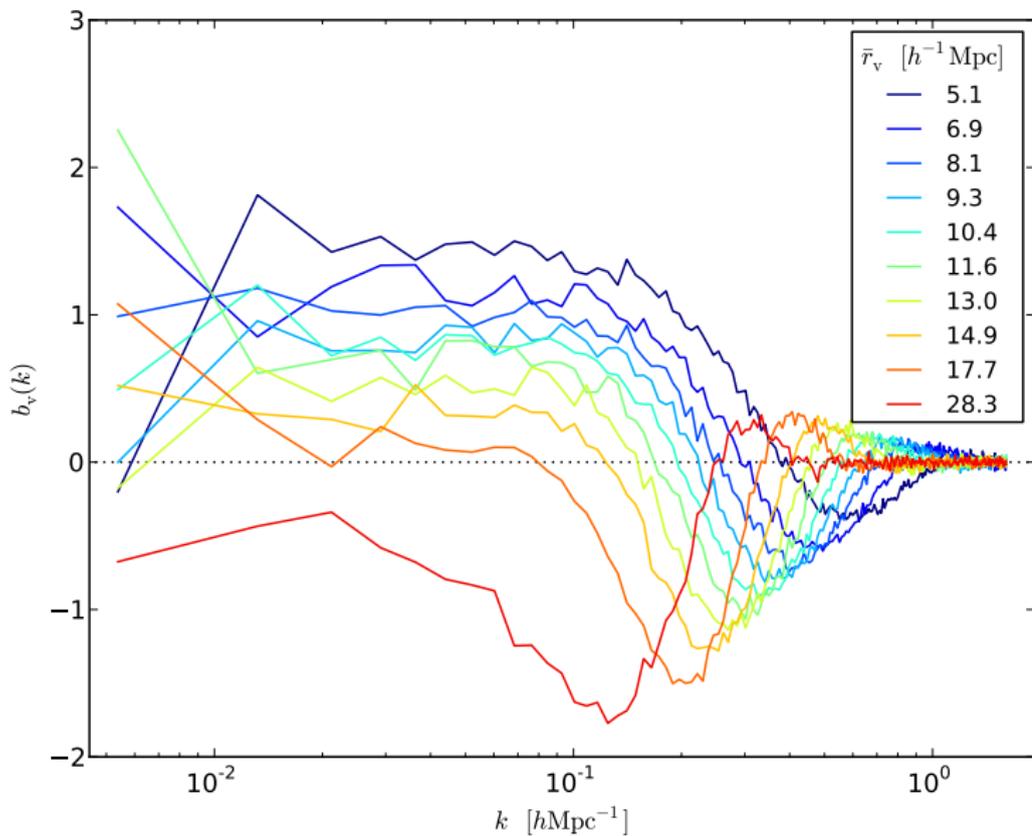
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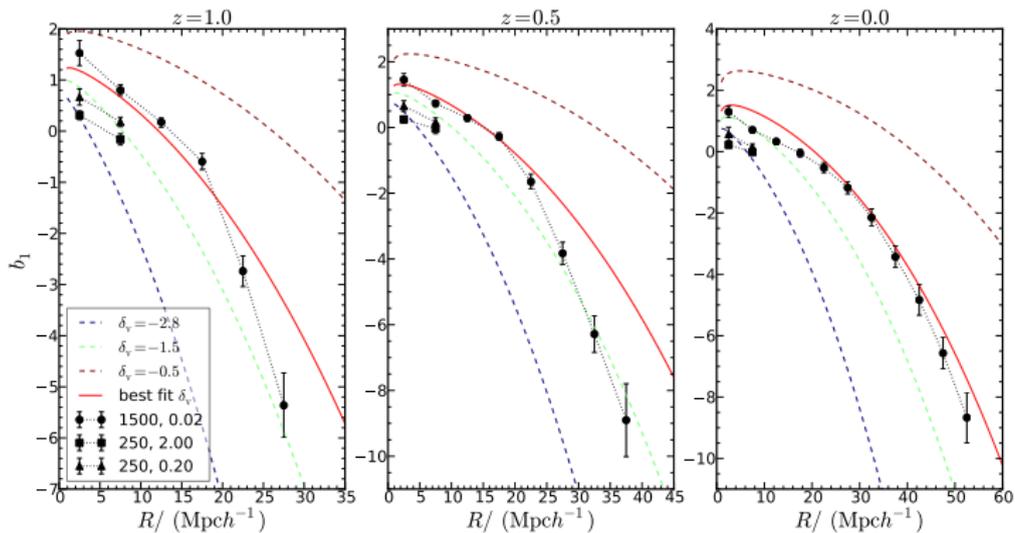
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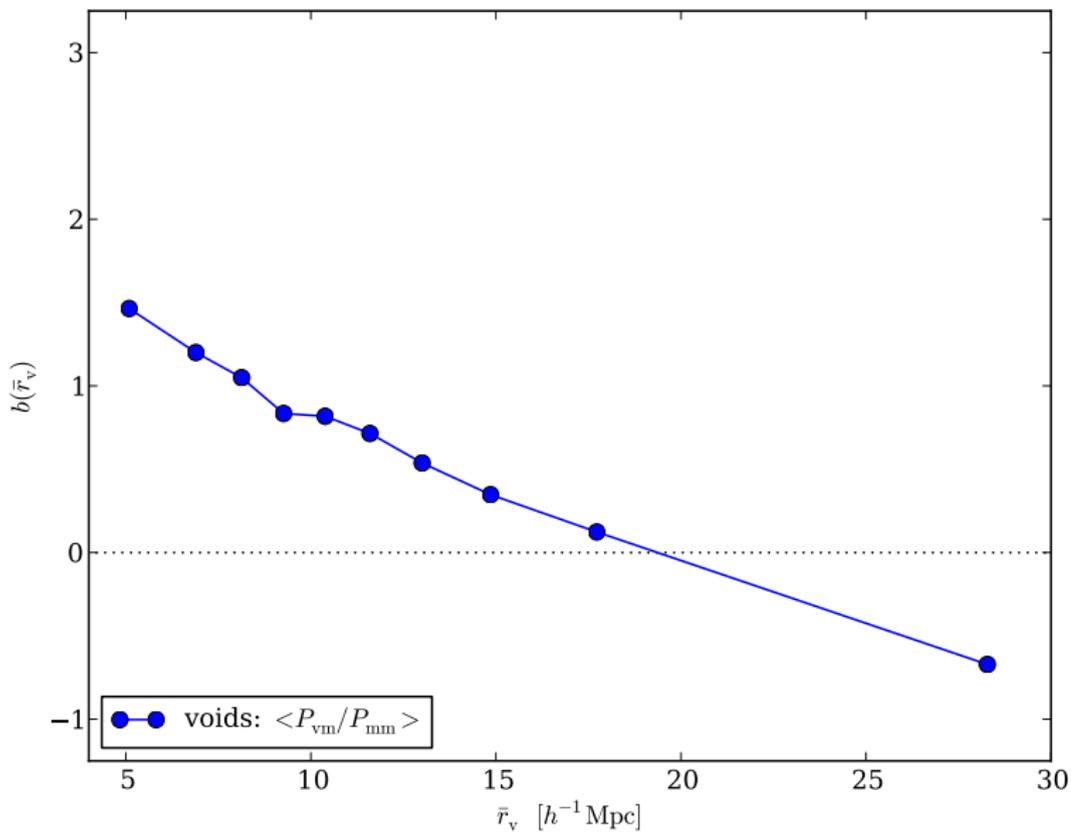
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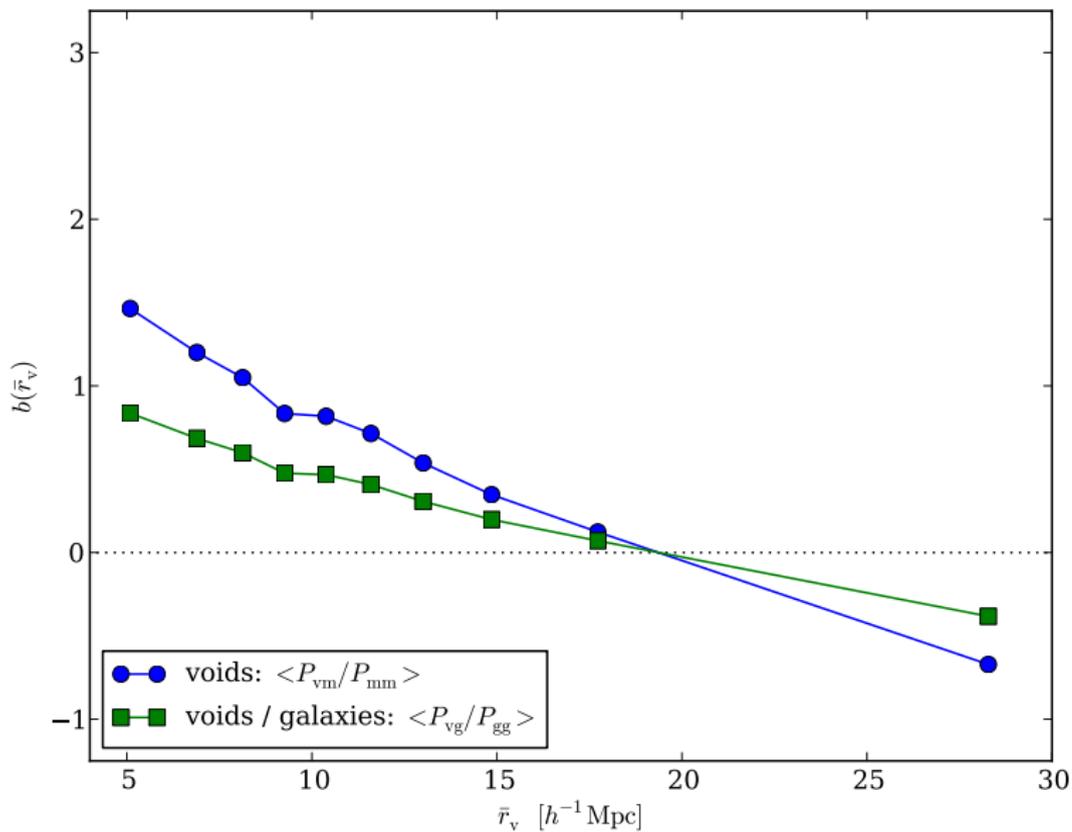
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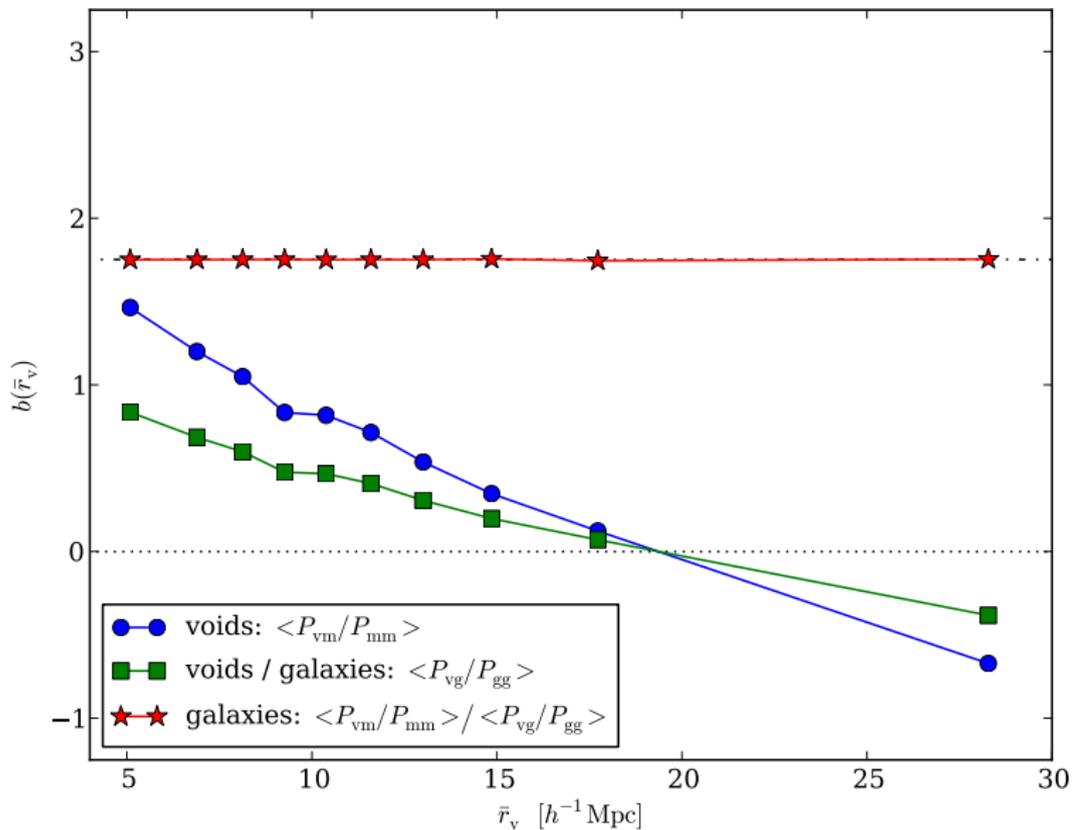
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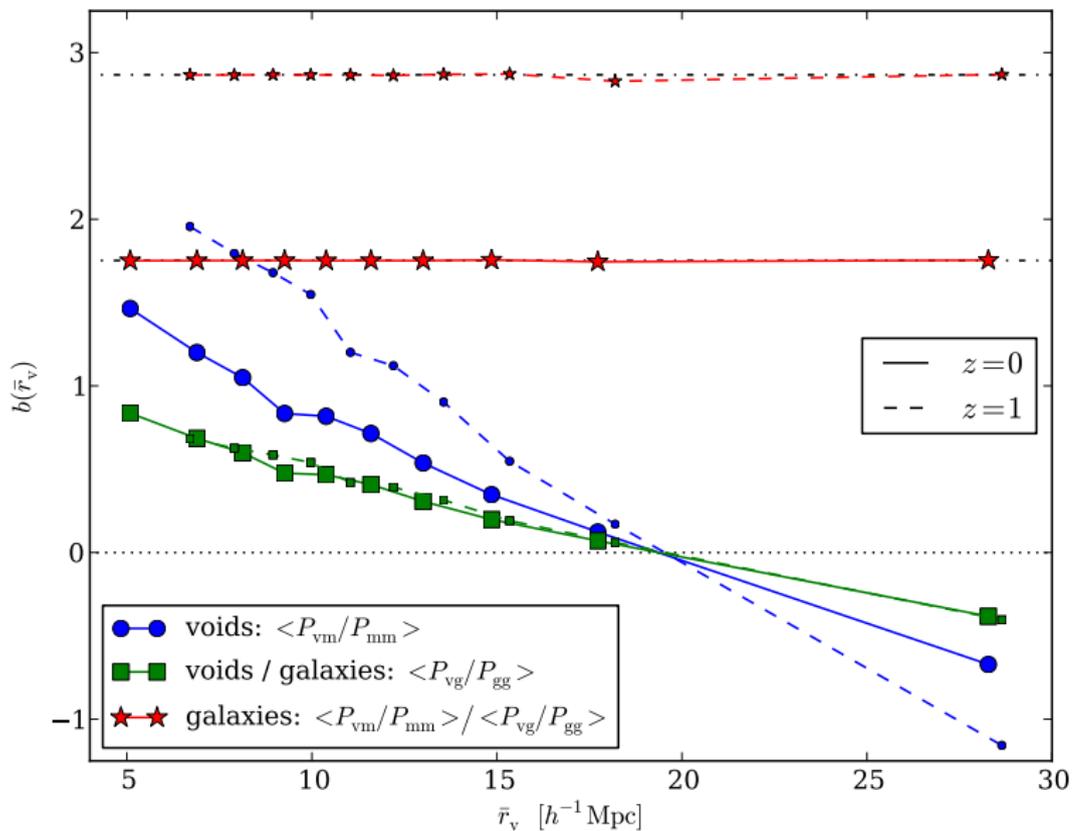
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